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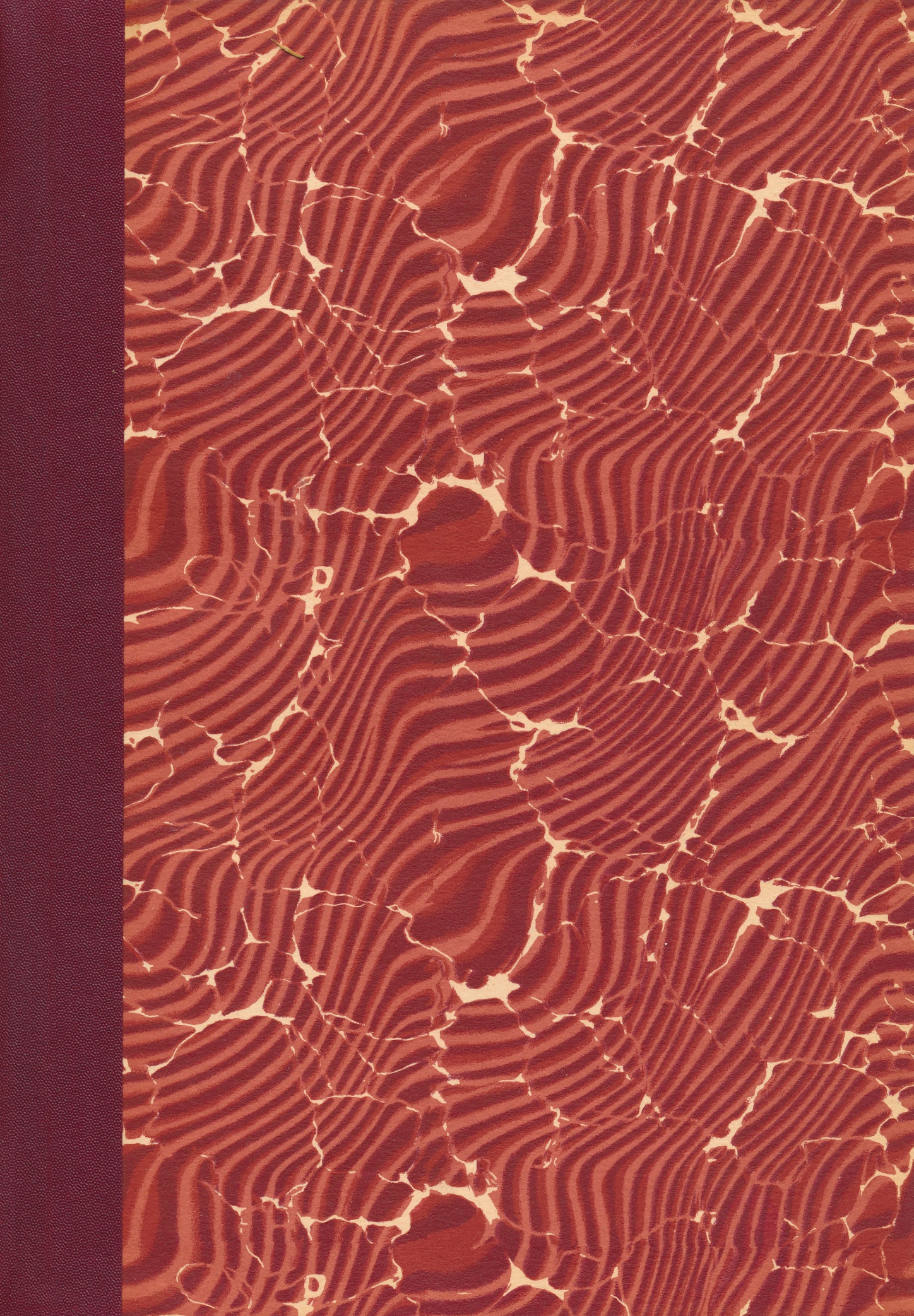
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Nellie Jones Newkirk Rubert

NELLIE JONES NEWKIRK RUBERT

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Nellie Jones was born in Texas Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, February 25, 1871, daughter of Mary Tubbs and Llewellyn Jones, of English descent. Nellie Jones attended the rural school near her father's home and later the County Normal school in Kalamazoo, where she prepared to teach school and taught rural schools before her marriage to Fred Newkirk, which occurred October 25, 1893.

Mr. Newkirk was born October 28, 1873 and died September 15, 1903. Their home was on a farm in Texas Township and they were the parents of Blanch I. Newkirk, who married Milton C. J. Billingham and resides in Kalamazoo.

After the death of Mr. Newkirk, Mrs. Newkirk and her daughter, Blanch, went to live with Mrs. Newkirk's parents, three miles west of Oshtemo. Mrs. Newkirk became the teacher of the school nearby, No. 6 fractional, known as the Oak Grove school. By this arrangement she became her daughter's teacher through the eight grades taught in the school and they were unusually close to and fond of each other. When Mrs. Newkirk attended summer school in Kalamazoo, she

rented an apartment so that she could have her daughter with her. Mrs. Newkirk continued to teach until her second marriage, which occurred May 6, 1911, to John C. Rubert, after which her home was on the south side of the city of Kalamazoo until May 1, 1937, when Mr. and Mrs. Rubert moved to the Colonial Apartments on Woodward Avenue, just three doors from her daughter, and the mother and daughter saw each other every day.

Mrs. Rubert was a member of the Sunnyside club and of the Lane Boulevard Evangelical Church. She was very active in community interests and in the program of her church, attending and working in the Ladies' Aid Society and the missionary society. She was very much devoted to serving others, visiting shut-ins, handicapped children, taking flowers and in other ways helping wherever she could.

Death came to Mrs. Rubert January 21, 1938, in Bronson Hospital where she had been taken on account of injuries suffered in a fall. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend W. T. Bandeen, pastor of the Lane Boulevard Evangelical Church, and burial was in the family cemetery at Oak Grove, near Mattawan.

Written May 11, 1938

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 with her. Mrs. Haworth continued to teach until

her second marriage, which occurred May 8, 1911, to
 John C. Robert, after which her home was on the
 south side of the city of Kansas until May 1, 1927.

When Mr. and Mrs. Robert moved to the Colonial
 Apartments on Woodward Avenue, just three blocks from
 her daughter, and the mother and daughter saw each
 other every day.

Mrs. Robert was a member of the Synagogue club
 and of the Lane Boulevard Evangelical Church. She
 was very active in community interests and in the
 program of her church, attending and working in the
 Ladies' Aid Society and the missionary society.
 She was very much devoted to serving others, visiting
 shut-ins, handicapped children, taking flowers and in
 other ways helping wherever she could.

Last came to Mrs. Robert January 21, 1938, in
 Bronson Hospital where she had been taken on account
 of injuries suffered in a fall. The funeral was
 conducted by the Reverend W. T. Hanson, pastor of the
 Lane Boulevard Evangelical Church, and burial was in
 the family cemetery at Oak Grove, near Lawrence.

Written May 11, 1938



Charles H. Russell

C H A R L E S H. R U S S E L L

Fire Chief Charles H. Russell was born in Ontario County, New York, on the farm where his father had been born and reared. The place was owned by his grandfather Allen Russell, a pioneer of that section.

The chief's parents worked the farm and when he became old enough, he too went to farming on the old homestead. He was educated at the Russell School, an institution which had been named after his grandfather. After working on the farm for several years he left home, coming to Kalamazoo. He was then 20 years old and accepted a position with the Phelps-Bigelow Windmill Company. He was sent to Illinois by the windmill concern and erected windmills in that state.

FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF

After one year with the Phelps-Bigelow Company, he returned to Kalamazoo and joined the sheriff's department as deputy and turnkey. He served two years under Sheriff John Galligan and Sheriff William Montague.

From the sheriff's office he went to the fire department as full paid fireman on March 9, 1885. At that time there were only nine full paid men

on the department and 20 part-pay men. He joined the department under Chief B. J. Healy.

The salary for full paid men at that time was \$40 a month and they were allowed only one evening off out of every eight days.

MADE CHIEF IN 1909

When Russell was made chief June 1, 1909 he was instrumental in adoption of a new schedule which gave the firemen 24 hours off every fourth day. A few years ago the two platoon system was adopted and firemen were on for 24 hours and off the next 24 hours.

During the first year Russell was on the fire department he worked as tillerman on the ladder truck. When the hook and ladder men were not on fires they were hauling large wood slabs to the water works. In case of fire while hauling these slabs, the fire whistle would sound and the tugs were dropped and the men and horses would race to the station for the ladder truck. The station was then located in South Burdick street in the building now occupied by the J. C. Penney store.

STEADILY ADVANCED

After the first year as tillerman on the truck, he was advanced to the chemical wagon and

soon after was made captain in charge of the ladder truck. In 1891 he was made assistant chief in which position he served for 18 years.

Chief Russell fought in all of Kalamazoo's most disastrous fires since he joined the department. He trained his men well and would not send them into a place where he himself wouldn't go.

During the chief's half century of service to the city of Kalamazoo, he lost but little time on account of illness. He never took credit for work done on fires, but always spoke of "the boys."

ACTIVE IN STATE GROUP

He had always been active in firemen's associations and chiefs' associations. He was past president of the Michigan State Fire Chiefs' Association and of the Michigan State Firemen's Association. For several years he was delegate to the International Fire Chiefs' Association.

OFFICIAL OF STATE GROUP

He had the honor last summer of having an oil painting of himself hung in the new city hall. This was the work of Frank L. VanNess, local artist. The painting is life size and was paid for by the chief's many friends. He is the only city employe ever to have such a picture hang in the municipal building.

At the annual meeting of the Michigan State Fire Chiefs' Association in Owosso last summer, Chief Russell was elected vice president of the association.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge, the Shrine, the Elks, and of the Maccabees.

Fire Chief Charles H. Russell, 73, was dean of city employes and the oldest chief in the state of Michigan. He died at his home, 901 Lane Boulevard, at 6:47 Friday morning, October 19, 1934. Chief Russell had half a century of public service in this city, serving two years in the sheriff's office and 49 years and eight months in the fire department.

VICTIM OF INFLUENZA

He died following a severe attack of influenza after which complications set in. He had been ill for several weeks but did not give up his work until Wednesday, October 10, when he was taken home sick and a doctor summoned. He rallied the last of the week but Sunday and Monday of that week he became desperately ill. Again he appeared to rally but suffered another relapse, sinking steadily until the end. He went to sleep the middle of the day, Thursday, and did not awaken.

The chief had been under the care of two phy-

sicians and two nurses during his illness.

He was survived by the widow, Alice; two sons, Charles H., Jr., and Lawrence, both of Kalamazoo; and one grandson, Jack C., Lansing.

He lacked only four months of having served the city of Kalamazoo 50 years.

Firemen who acted as pallbearers were Joseph Pasman, Paul Allman, Edward Korstange, Charles Burt, Fred Corwin, and Abraham Van Peenan. Ushers at the church were Clifford Burt, Floyd Curry, Earl Sootsman, Llyle Burge, William Vickery, and Charles Janes. Guards were Leo Maat and Parker White.

Funeral services for the veteran fire chief were held at 2 Monday afternoon at St. Luke's church. Peninsular Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar, of which Chief Russell was a member of long standing had charge of the services in conjunction with the church and the city firemen.

Six Sir Knights and six firemen acted as pallbearers and honorary guards were evenly divided.

VERCOE TO OFFICIATE

The body was viewed all day Sunday, and up to noon, Monday, at the Truesdale funeral home, West Michigan Avenue. From there it was taken to

the church.

Archdeacon Lincoln R. Vercoe, Grand Rapids, officiated at the services. The Knights Templar had their service and the Rev. Emanuel Rushbrook, chaplain of the fire department was in charge of the firemen's service at Riverside cemetery.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

The Knights Templar commandery and firemen marched to the cemetery and pallbearers marched six each side of the hearse.

Firemen from all over the state attended the funeral and all off duty police acted as escort. All city hall offices closed from 1 to 3 Monday afternoon. City department heads and city commissioners attended the services.

Services for Chief Russell, held at St. Luke's church, were attended by hundreds, and many were turned away.

Fire chiefs and firemen came to attend the services from Jackson, Albion, Wyandotte, Ferndale, Grosse Point Farms, River Rouge, Ypsilanti, Traverse City, Mt. Clemens, Cadillac, Ecorse, Benton Harbor, Lansing, the state fire marshal's office in Lansing, Pontiac, Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Allegan, South Haven, Niles, St. Joseph, Saginaw, Bay City, Owosso, and Charlotte.

Petition for admission to probate of the will of the late Fire Chief Charles H. Russell was filed Tuesday in probate court by his son, Lawrence H. Russell, who asks appointment of himself and Chief Russell's widow, Mrs. Alice R. Russell, as joint executors. Hearing will be held November 22. Value of the estate is estimated at \$10,000 in real estate and \$3,000 in personal property. Russell made a bequest to his son, Charles H. Russell, Jr., and named his son, Lawrence, and widow as principal beneficiaries.

The above was taken from the Kalamazoo Gazette--Also the following editorial:

With the passing of Charles H. Russell the people of Kalamazoo have lost a faithful public servant whose ability, courage, and wholehearted devotion to duty long ago won him a place high in the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

While it might not be literally correct to say that Chief Russell "grew up" with the Kalamazoo fire department, the fact is that he was identified with that organization throughout almost the whole of his adult career. The great length of his service alone would be sufficient testimony

to his keen personal interest in the calling he had chosen, but that interest was demonstrated also in other and more practical ways. Not only did he live through the period of firefighting's evolution from the comparatively crude and simple methods of the 'eighties to the elaborate technic and equipment of the present time--he was personally and in large degree responsible for the advances made in Kalamazoo. Although he may have reminisced now and then about the "good old days" when firefighting was much different from what it is today, no such sentiment for the past ever hampered in the slightest degree his determination to give Kalamazoo the most modern, efficient, and scientific fire protection that could be obtained. And he was quite obviously a believer in the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. He was fully as much interested in the less spectacular business of eliminating potential fire hazards as he was in combatting fires themselves.

For the greatest evidence of Chief Russell's good leadership, however, we must turn to the high efficiency and morale of the Kalamazoo fire department's personnel. The chief knew the secret of maintaining the soundest kind of discipline

without making of himself a disciplinarian. He expected his orders to be obeyed and he knew they would be, yet he was never the mere martinet. He did not confuse respect with fear. His men followed him because they had confidence in his judgment and leadership, and because they knew that he would never send them anywhere unless he himself were willing to go there should circumstances so require. Although he must have been pleased with the credit so often accorded him, he took still greater pleasure in passing that credit on to "the boys" of the department.

Kalamazoo has indeed lost a respected citizen, an efficient administrator, an able leader--and a good fireman. The last of these tributes is probably the one Chief Russell would appreciate most of all.

(The above was written in 1935)

George W. Russell





Mrs. George W. Russell

MR . & MRS .
GEORGE W RUSSELL
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George W. Russell was born in Richland, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, October 24, 1858. When he was but a few months old his parents moved to Ohio, where they resided for ten years and then returned to Michigan. Until he was twenty-one years old he spent his time attending school and assisting his father on the farm. For four years more he worked for his father and then for eighteen months he worked for Schroder & Olin in their "general store." For the next two years he was a clerk in the dry goods store of L. L. Clark in Kalamazoo, Michigan. About 1887 he went to work for Smith and Woodard as shipping clerk in their wind-mill business and remained with them until about the spring of 1891.

The summer of 1891 Mr. Russell engaged in out-of-door work trying to recuperate from failing health. Before he had taken sufficient time to fully recover, in the autumn of that year he entered into a partnership in a variety store in Kalamazoo.

September 15, 1888, George W. Russell was married to Jennie C. Knerr, who was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, November 17, 1864. She has resided in Kalamazoo all her life to this date in 1943, except for two years spent in Three Rivers, Michigan, where she worked in a millinery store and attended school. At the age of eighteen she began keeping books for the Singer Company in Kalamazoo. Later she became a clerk in a dry-goods and variety store in the same city until she and her husband owned an interest in a store, where her long experience in such business became a valuable asset.

Jennie C. Knerr was a descendant of Abraham Knerr, who was born in Zweibrucken, Germany, in 1716. The name is also found spelled "Kneer," "Knarr," and "Knorr." Abraham Knerr emigrated to America in the ship "Lydia," James Allen, Master, sailing from Rotterdam and arriving at Philadelphia on September 29, 1741.

He settled on a tract of 109 acres of land located on a line between Lowhill and Weisenberg townships, a short distance west of Claussville, which he secured by warrant dated August 16, 1748, adjoining lands of Nicholas Acker, Peter Grow, John Bear, George Folk, and Christopher Kop. This tract

together with a tract warranted by Peter Grow, on September 27, 1758, called Friends Arrival, all amounting to 131 acres, was patented to John Knerr on June 6, 1810, upon the payment of \$208.49.

On May 18, 1763, Paul Boger of Gwynodd township, Philadelphia county, Ermholder, and his wife Christiana, sold to Abraham Knerr for \$340.00 three tracts of land in Lowhill township containing 226 acres. On this tract Abraham Knerr erected about 1780, a log cabin or house, which still stands, and to which an addition was built in 1812.

In May, 1784, Abraham Knerr and his wife sold these tracts, containing respectively 126 acres, 47 perches; $52\frac{1}{2}$ acres; and 48 acres, 32 perches, to their youngest son, Andrew, for \$450.00. One hundred acres of this land, with the old house, is now owned by George F. Knerr of Allentown, a great grandson of Andrew.

Abraham Knerr was a farmer by occupation, and at the opening of the Revolution took an active part as a patriot, having been elected a member of the General Committee of Observation for Northampton county, from Lowhill township, whose meeting he attended on May 30, 1776, when representatives to the Provincial Convention held in Philadelphia on June

18, 1776, were chosen; which was the first step in founding a new government.

He was a contributor to the Lowhill Reformed Congregation in 1769, to which on the dedication September 3, 1769, he with Nicholas Manneback, presented a baptismal service. In later years he became a member of the Reformed Congregation at Unionville Church.

He died April 21, 1793, aged 79 years, and was buried at Unionville Church, but unfortunately no stone marks his last resting place. Rev. Abraham Blummer preached his funeral services.

His wife, Mary Eva, was born in October, 1713, and died June 20, 1792, aged 78 years, 8 months, 19 days.

They had ten children: Christopher, Catherine, Barbara, Abraham, Suzanna, Dorothea, Andrew.

Andrew Knerr, youngest son of Abraham, Sr., was born June 5, 1758. He lived on the homestead in Lowhill township, which he received from his father and which he farmed until his death.

He served several terms of enlistment in the Revolutionary War, enlisting first as a private at the age of 19 in 1777, in Captain John Harker's company, later as a fifer in Captain Andrew Daffer's

Company in 1780 under the command of Col. Henry Gieger. He was a member of the Reformed Congregation at Unionville, where he and his wife are buried. He died in Lowhill, December 13, 1840. Rev. Joseph S. Dubs conducted his services. At his death 52 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren survived him.

He married December 29, 1781, Catherine Elizabeth Scholl, daughter of George Scholl and his wife Catherine Newhard. She was born in Hey township, Berks county, March 4, 1764, and died April 30, 1850. They had ten children: Abraham, Catherine, Andrew, John, Peter, Anna Maria, Elizabeth, Salome, David, and Elizabeth.

Andrew Knerr, Jr., born February 17, 1787, died in June, 1865. He married Elizabeth Knerr, who died in 1861. Their children were: Amos, born November 12, 1813, died September 12, 1883, in Kalamazoo, Michigan; Jonas; Mary, who married Moses Heilman; Owen; Aaron, who died in Allentown; Stephen of Michigan; and Alvin, who died unmarried at Schnecksville. Stephen was born February 10, 1822, and died September 11, 1872.

Because both Mr. and Mrs. George W. Russell worked in their store, they did not engage in house-

keeping, but preferred boarding. In 1900 they acquired the house and lot at 838 West Main street in Kalamazoo. They also bought the lot next to it on the east, on to which they moved the house which was on 838 West Main street. They then built the present spacious home, which is one of the land marks of the city. Here Mrs. Russell also made a home for her mother in the latter's later years.

The Star Bargain House, the name of the store conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Russell, became widely known and patronized as one of the outstanding business establishments of Kalamazoo. They retired from that business in 1929 and in 1930 they acquired a Tourist Camp at Mackinaw City, which Mrs. Russell still manages. They also acquired a cottage at Idlewild on Gull Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell were great travelers, visiting many places in the United States and Canada. In 1923, they made a trip to Alaska, and in 1924, they visited the Panama Canal.

They were both active members of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo. Mrs. Russell was one of the twelve women who organized the Young Women's Christian Association. She and her sister have been leading workers in her church for many

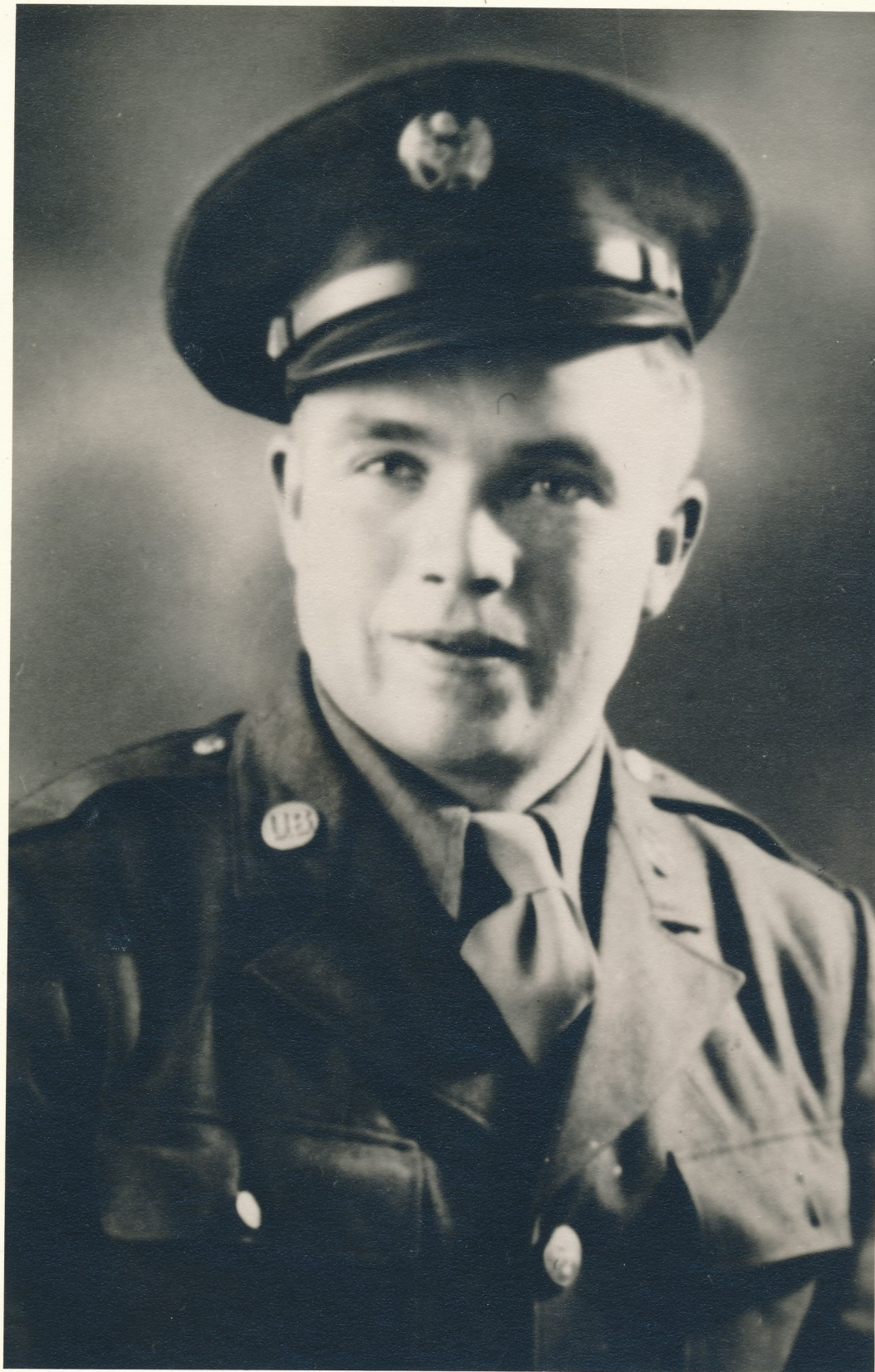
years. Mrs. Russell is an unusually attractive person, vivacious and interesting in conversation and making and keeping a host of friends.

Mr. Russell was of medium height and weight with brown hair and blue eyes. He was genial and sociable, loved people and enjoyed visiting. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis club of Kalamazoo. He enjoyed gardening and was very fond of flowers. He was always greatly interested in his home and did everything he could think of to make it attractive.

Mr. Russell was raised in a devoted Christian home and was very active in his church, especially during the pastorate of the Reverend Henry Gelston. He used to say laughingly that he had held every office in the church except that of minister. He was a trustee and sang in the choir and was one of the singers who went with James Barrett to sing in churches and schoolhouses of Kalamazoo county. He often sang for funerals. Mr. Russell was also a member of the Board of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Death came to Mr. Russell September 15, 1939, at Mackinaw City. The body was returned to Kalamazoo for burial in Mountain Home cemetery, the Reverend Paul Silas Heath, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

LaVerno Fred Sackett



L A V E R N F R E D S A C K E T T

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Technical Sergeant LaVern Fred Sackett was killed in action just beyond the city of Koslar along the river Roer in Western Germany December 8, 1944.

He was called into the armed service of the United States November 9, 1942. His serial number was 36406606 and he was trained at Camp Roberts, California, attached to Company B, 115th Infantry, 29th Division of the 9th Army.

He was shipped from an eastern port of embarkation in April 1943 and participated in the D-Day invasion of France. He was seriously wounded during the Allied advance toward Paris July 30 and returned to duty the latter part of October. He was promoted to Technical Sergeant while overseas.

His body was buried in an United States Military Cemetery in Aachen, Germany.

Birth and Education

LaVern was born in Sand Creek, Montana, August 12, 1922, and the family moved to Kalamazoo,

Michigan, when LaVern was an infant. They lived in Kalamazoo for some years and then moved to a large farm near Gobles, Michigan. LaVern's father was Fred Sackett and his mother was Bessie Maud Olmstead Sackett, who was born August 8, 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sackett also became the parents of:

Wayne B., born July 16, 1907, married Zelma Roberts July 29, 1933, and they became the parents of Nancy Gay, born [REDACTED], and Dian Jean, born [REDACTED]; they reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Beatrice Marie, born June 4, 1909, married Harold F. McNeil May 14, 1930, and they became the parents of Keith LaVern, born [REDACTED], Joyce Elaine, born [REDACTED], Carol Francis, born [REDACTED], and Donna Marie, born [REDACTED];

Kenneth Larue, born June 10, 1911, married Maxine Ferguson January 12, 1935, and they became the parents of Ronald Lee, born [REDACTED], Linda Rose, born [REDACTED], and Shirley Jean, born [REDACTED];

Frank Glenn, born April 2, 1913, married Wanda Ann Rekle February 17, 1940, and they became the parents of Janice Lynn, born [REDACTED], Robert Frank, born [REDACTED], Gail Elizabeth, born [REDACTED], and Garry LaVern, born October 15, 1946;

Ida Lucile, born November 27, 1914, married Roy Repovich November 14, 1942;

Vivian Irene, born July 19, 1916, married Clayton Heineman October 22, 1934, and they became the parents of Gloria Ann, born [REDACTED], and Clayton Eddie, born [REDACTED];

Herbert Gordon, born November 27, 1919,
married Pauline Newbury September 6,
1941, and they became the parents of
Sharon Arlene, born [REDACTED],
Thomas Gordon, born [REDACTED], &
Louis Clarence, born [REDACTED];

Richard Milton, born [REDACTED];

Bernard Paul, born May 10, 1929; and

Jean Arlene, born [REDACTED].

LaVern received his education in Kalamazoo
and was graduated from Central High School in 1940.
After graduation he was employed for a time by the
Beimer Printing Company in Kalamazoo and later by
the Welch Grape Juice Company in Mattawan, Michigan.

Marriage

While in Mattawan he met and married Mildred M.
Kimble, daughter of Lowell and Ella Timm Kimble of
Mattawan. They were married in The First Methodist
Church in Kalamazoo September 6, 1942, by the
Reverend William C. Perdew, D. D., after which the
young couple made their home at Three Mile Lake,
near Paw Paw, Michigan, for two months, until he was
called into service. They became the parents of
LaVern Fred, Junior, who was born [REDACTED].

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Kimble also became the
parents of:

Garth, born June 7, 1913, married Lela Munson
and they became the parents of
Lawrence, born [REDACTED],
Patricia Ann, born [REDACTED],

Sally Beth, born [REDACTED],
Dixie Lou, born [REDACTED],
Elaine R.,
Barbara, and
Janice,

Richard, born November 7, 1916;

Russell, born March 7, 1918;

Betty, born May 8, 1920, married Howard Cruzan;

Charles Lowell, Jr., born April 4, 1925;

Philip Dean, born September 22, 1927;

Audrey Jean, born October 28, 1930;

Lois Ann, born [REDACTED];

Robert, born September 23, 1933;

Mary Lou, born January 22, 1936; and

Beverly K., born [REDACTED].

Personal Characteristics

LaVern was five feet eight inches tall, of medium build, and had very fair hair and skin and blue eyes.

He liked all kinds of sports, but roller skating was his favorite diversion and many happy hours were spent at the North Lake skating rink near Gobles. He also enjoyed the movies, baseball, boxing and radio.

In a strange crowd he was usually quiet and reticent, but in the family circle and among friends he was lively and full of fun.

LaVern attended the Church and Sunday school at

Covey Hills. He enjoyed the services and lived by the precepts taught him.

LaVern had a warm personality, he liked people, loved his parents and brothers and sisters and was devoted to his beautiful young wife and his son.

This fine young leader of men had a promising future but laid down his life willingly for his home, his friends and family.

All hail to this citizen who paid the supreme price for his native land!

Jack Bell, a well known correspondent, wrote an extensive report of LaVern's last battle and the report was published in the Kalamazoo Gazette January 25, 1945. The following are excerpts:

"The quiet, light-haired lad from Kalamazoo walked the battlefield with the fire and daring of General Jackson himself, and tonight not a German gunner fires from the west banks of the river."

"They got Sgt. Sackett late that afternoon. He never got across that open space. They brought him back to the company, still alive, but all knew..."

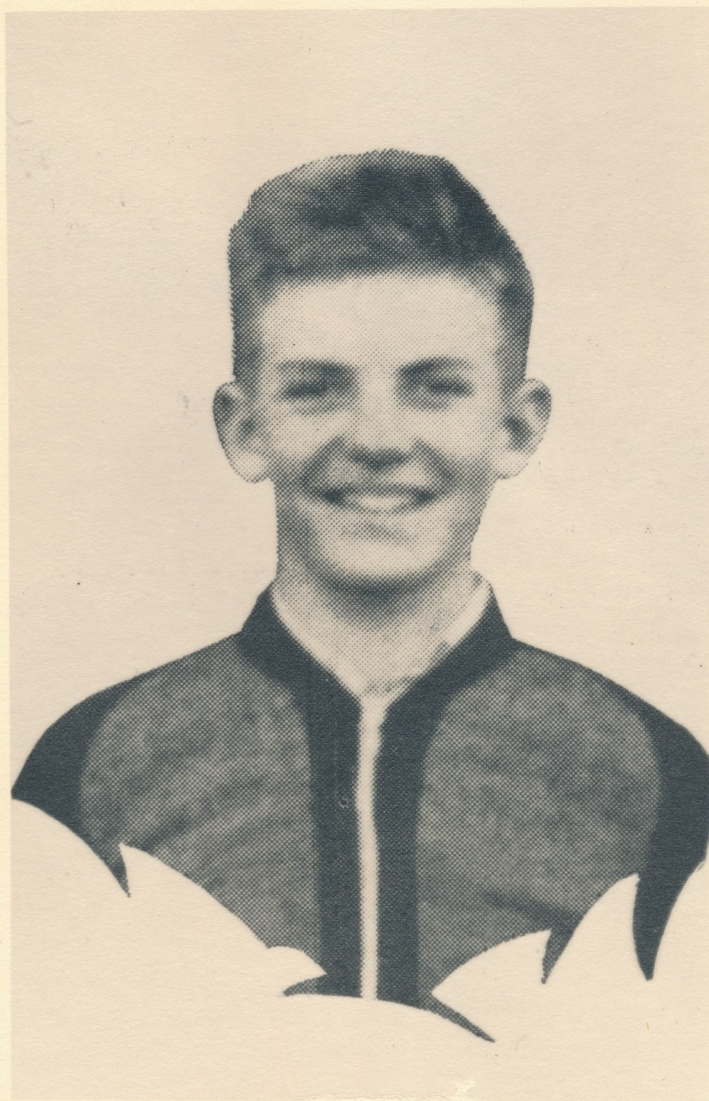
"We got a lot of 'em," he said, 'but they got me. I'd like a crack at the Rhine, but'"

"Then he died, and no one spoke in the crowded cellar . . .until the colonel said, 'A real soldier just died, men!'"

A memorial service was held at the Simpson Methodist Church in Kalamazoo Sunday January 14,

1945, conducted by the Reverend Ray V. Birdsall
assisted by the pastor of the Covey Hills Baptist
Church.

Jenny Sager



J E R R Y J O E S A G E R

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Jerry Joe Sager was born in Comstock, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, November 29, 1925, son of Joseph Emil and Ruth Anderson Sager.

Joseph Emil Sager was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, December 14, 1894, son of Emil and Elizabeth Kelly Sager. When he was five years of age Joseph's father died and he was taken to Otsego, Michigan, where he attended school. For a time he travelled out of Detroit and other places until he was inducted into the United States Army in March of 1918 at Fort Campbell and spent one year overseas where he was in three major battles. He was honorably discharged July 3, 1919. He then went to work for the Rex Paper Company, became chief engineer and has held that position until the present writing in 1941.

Jerry's mother, Ruth Anderson Sager was born in Comstock October 17, 1896, in the same house in which Jerry was born. She was graduated from the Comstock high school in 1916, was married October 15, 1919, by the pastor of the Baptist Church in Otsego, Michigan, a Reverend Mr. Carey.

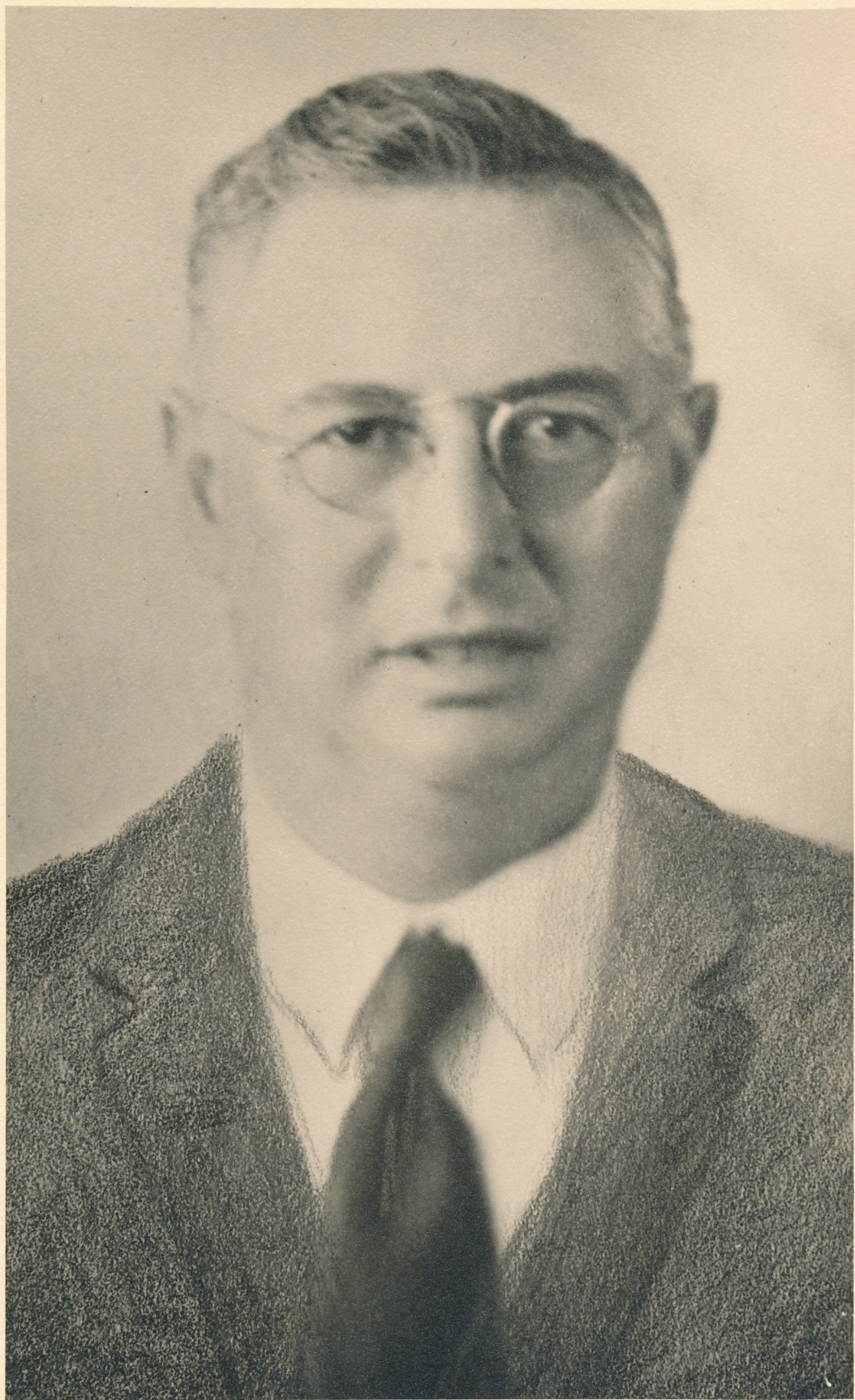
Besides Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Sager are the parents of Marie Elizabeth, who was born in Comstock May 10, 1924.

Jerry had just entered the Comstock high school, where he proved to be a fine bright student, popular with the teachers and scholars. He played the cornet in the school band and was fond of music. He was especially interested in chemistry and had collected considerable apparatus for a home laboratory. He was also very much interested in collecting rocks and his collection had been exhibited at a teachers' institute held in Battle Creek, Michigan. He also had a collection of butterflies.

Jerry was of athletic build, five feet, eleven inches in height and weighing one hundred seventy pounds, with brown hair and dark brown eyes. He enjoyed base ball and foot ball and engaged in hunting and fishing. He read eagerly "Popular Mechanics" and other publications of that kind.

After four days of suffering with encephalitis Jerry Sager closed his earthly career October 1, 1940. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend A. T. Halsted and burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Saul Salomon



Saul Salomon



Olive Rix Salomon
Jane Adele Salomon

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O L I V E R I X S A L O M O N

J A N E A D E L E S A L O M O N

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Saul Salomon was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, January 18, 1877, son of Adolph and Adelheidt Goldstein Salomon, both of whom came from Germany. He had one sister, Adele, who married Dan Aach, who resides in the Columbia Hotel in Kalamazoo.

Saul Salomon attended the public schools of Kalamazoo and, wanting to be a medical doctor, he spent one year in the University of Michigan.

As a young man he engaged in cigar manufacturing with his father at the corner of Portage street and East Michigan Avenue. Later he entered the whole-sale candy business and located at 233-235 Portage street. He sold this business to the Goodrich Candy Company and engaged in the selling of bonds until about 1931, after which he looked after his own real estate.

December 12, 1922, he was married to Olive M. Rix, daughter of William A., and Mary Wright Rix, of English descent and including the noted pioneer Rix family. Mr. and Mrs. Salomon became the parents of

Jane Adele, who was born July 29, 1929, and at the time of this writing in 1942 is a student in the Training School of Western Michigan College of Education.

Saul Salomon was a member of Anchor Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, a Thirty-second Degree Mason, a member of DeWitt Clinton Consistory, Grand Rapids, the Elks lodge, and Temple B'nai Israel, of which he was president at the time of his death.

Mr. Salomon was a very generous man, contributing to the Community Chest and other civic projects. He brought over from Germany a cousin and his wife and child and was financially responsible for them.

In politics, he was a Republican and for recreation he enjoyed playing golf. In personal appearance he was about five feet seven inches tall, weighed about 165 pounds, and had brown eyes with black hair turning gray.

He was very fond of reading, especially medical books and magazines. He often visited his nephew, Hugo Aach, when the latter was studying medicine in the University of Michigan, and attended some of the lectures. He also enjoyed fishing and the raising of flowers and vegetables on his place at Long Lake and giving them to his friends. He was genial,

jovial and liked people, winning many, many friends.

Death came to Mr. Salomon after several weeks of illness, at his home 753 Academy street, April 9, 1942. The funeral services were conducted by Rabbi Philip Waterman and burial was in Mountain Home cemetery.



Mrs. Helena Sargent

H E L E N A C A R L S O N S A R G E N T

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Helena Carlson was born in Chicago, Illinois, January 29, 1858, daughter of Karl and Johanna Carlson of Norwegian descent. She was reared in the city of Chicago and received her education there.

December 3, 1880, Helena Carlson married Frank Ernest Sargent, whose genealogy appears in the "Sargent Record" compiled by Edwin Everett Sargent of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and published by the Calendonian Company, Printers and Publishers, in 1899. His death occurred in 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Sargent were the parents of: Alfred Maxwell, born September 24, 1881, married Helen Mange and is the father of Helen Maxine, born February 1, 1923, and Constance Marie, born [REDACTED], [REDACTED]; and Harold Sylvester, born October 9, 1886, married Viola Montjoy. Both sons reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

About 1914, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Sargent and family left Chicago and went to live on a farm near Grand Junction, Michigan, where they resided about

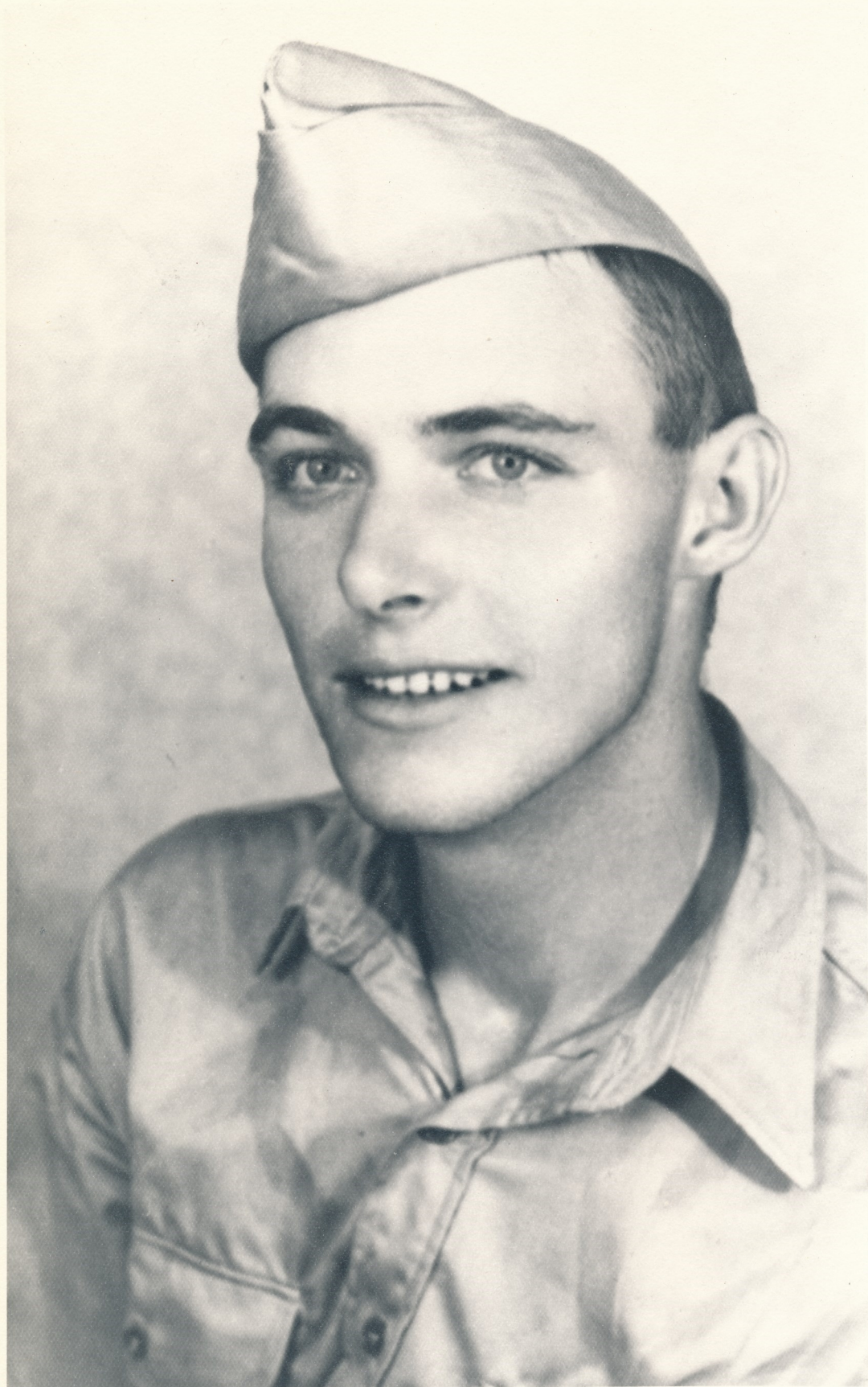
six years. After her husband's death in 1920, Mrs. Sargent came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, to live with her sons.

Mrs. Sargent was a good business woman and assisted her husband in a dry goods store in Chicago. She was very popular and made many friends; also fond of animals and would care for them when sick. She took a great interest in her home and family and served them faithfully and affectionately. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Chicago and was very active. She was also a member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Chicago and attended St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church in Kalamazoo.

Death came to Mrs. Sargent July 24, 1936. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Gordon Fowkes and burial was made in the cemetery near Grand Junction, Michigan.

Written April 23, 1937.

Dink P. Schaeferenberg



D I R K P E T E R S C H E E R E N B E R G

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Dirk Peter Scheerenberg was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, April 24, 1920, the son of Dirk Peter and Emma Dietert Scheerenberg. The father was of Holland birth and came directly to Kalamazoo, Michigan, November 22, 1905. Mrs. Scheerenberg was of German birth and came to the United States in 1902. He was born June 14, 1880, and her birthday was August 15, 1883. They were married in Chicago, Illinois, in 1912, and also became the parents of:

Dorothea, born December 29, 1914, married Earl E. Wells and they became the parents of Ellen Ruth and reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Desmond, born April 4, 1922, was also a member of Company C, 126th Infantry, and at the time of this writing in 1945, was being hospitalized for malaria following the New Guinea campaign;

Darius, born February 3, 1926, is a Signalman, Third Class, on a patrol craft in the United States Navy.

All the Scheerenberg children were born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and made their home in this city until the present time.

Dirk attended the Harding School through the sixth grade and then went to the Vine Street School for two years, after which he took part time in the Continuation School. Afterward he found employment as a mechanic in the Harrison Street Bicycle Shop.

Military Experience

On July 30, 1936, Dirk Peter Scheerenberg and his brother enlisted in Company C, 126th Infantry. The official record accompanies this write-up as regards Dirk's military experience.

He showed an aptitude for soldiering and became very well trained and precise in the performance of his duty.

When Company C left Kalamazoo, Michigan, October 22, 1940, Dirk's brother Desmond went with him and the experience of these brothers was interwoven with that of the other boys of the Company, a total of ninety-seven, all of whom, except two or three have been wiped out. Dirk, Pfc. Charles Szyzewski and Corporal James Brown were the only three original members of Company C to enter the Philippines. Dirk's rank was First Class Private.

After induction into the Federal Service he was sent to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, for maneuvers, after which he went to Camp Livingston, Louisiana,

and then to Fort Devons, New Jersey. He was then shipped to San Francisco, California, and from there landed in Australia May 25, 1942. Port Moresby, New Guinea, was the next destination. The week before Thanksgiving he engaged in combat and on Christmas Day Dirk collapsed from exhaustion. He was sent to Australia for rest the following summer and again engaged in combat at Saidor January 2, 1944, where he was slightly wounded. Later he was taken ill with recurring malaria and dengue jaundice and was hospitalized on and off for five months. In October, 1944, he was back with his Company. Another attack of malaria necessitated that he be left at Morotai, New Guinea, when his Company went to Leyte. He rejoined them in Luzon February 27, 1945. On the morning of March 16, 1945, Dirk Peter Scheerenberg joined the illustrious company of men who have given their lives that freedom might live.

Personal Characteristics

Dirk was six feet one inch tall, weighed about one hundred sixty pounds, erect and slender, with blonde hair and blue eyes.

He liked to listen to music, enjoyed the movies and reading as he could lounge around home when he had leisure. He was not athletic, but he was a

good mechanic. He was quiet and unassuming in manner, a modest, humble young man, who made many friends. He had learned well the lesson of discipline at home and in the army and that won for him a warm place in the hearts of all with whom he came in contact. Even as a little boy his photographs show a shy but smiling little blonde lad. Dirk was like that - taking what life handed out, but taking it with a smile.

Dirk Peter Scheerenberg, Private First Class, a grand boy, gave his life and all there was in him to combat in war that his beloved country might enjoy freedom.

Dirk went through the bitter fighting at Buna and Saidor and received his second wound shortly before he was killed by a sniper as he lay sleeping on the ground in Luzon where, though wounded, he decided to remain in the lines "to help hold the Japs back."

The following is a copy of a letter received from a Captain:

4281 QM Depot Co.
APO 70 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.
23 March, 1945.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Scheerenberg,

By now you have undoubtedly heard from the War Department of the tragic loss of your eldest son, Dirk.

(Continued on next page)

Your second son, Desmond, is a member of my company and has asked me to write this letter because his left hand is temporarily laid up with a slight touch of arthritis. It's not serious, but it makes letter writing rather awkward.

Desmond learned of Dirk's death the day before yesterday when one of Dirk's best friends, a soldier named George from the Cannon Company of the same regiment, came to our camp area and told Desmond of the tragic news.

As yet Desmond has had no opportunity to visit Dick's company and get all the details, but from the information George gave him it appears that Dirk was . . . killed instantaneously by a Jap sniper.

I had met Dirk once when he was at our camp visiting Desmond (they had managed to get together 2 or 3 times in the past 6 weeks), and he impressed me as a fine soldier - the type of American who is actually doing the fighting and winning of the war for us.

Dirk was calm and confident of his ability to meet any situation. He was apparently fearless; when the going got rough, he just got rougher.

However I really didn't know Dirk as well as Desmond, and I want to take this opportunity to tell you what a fine man he is.

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There is little anyone can say at a time like this and I hardly know how to express my feelings. I do want to let you know though, that if a son must die there is no finer, more honorable way for him to die than the way Dirk did. Also I want to say that both Dirk and Desmond are a credit to the army, the country, and their parents.

Respectfully yours,

Capt. John P. Shelton.

The following is a copy of the official
certificate of the military record:

S t a t e o f M i c h i g a n
Adjutant General's Office

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Lansing 13 July 1945

I CERTIFY that the following appears in the official
records of this office pertaining to

Dirk P. Scheerenberg

who enlisted in the NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED
STATES AND THE

MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD on the 30th
day of July, 1936, at Kalamazoo, Michigan
Active Mich N. G. Serv.

From July 30, 1936 To July 29, 1939 Organization -
Co. C, 126th Inf.

From July 30, 1939 To July 29, 1940 Organization -
Co. C, 126th Inf.

From July 30, 1940 To October 2, 1940 Organization -
Co. C, 126th Inf.

From October 3, 1940 To October 15, 1940 Organization
Co. C, 126th Inf.

INDUCTED FEDERAL SERVICE October 15, 1940.

KILLED IN ACTION March 16, 1945 near Ansagan, Luzon
Island, Philippine Islands

per WD-AGO Form #25. (No record of burial)

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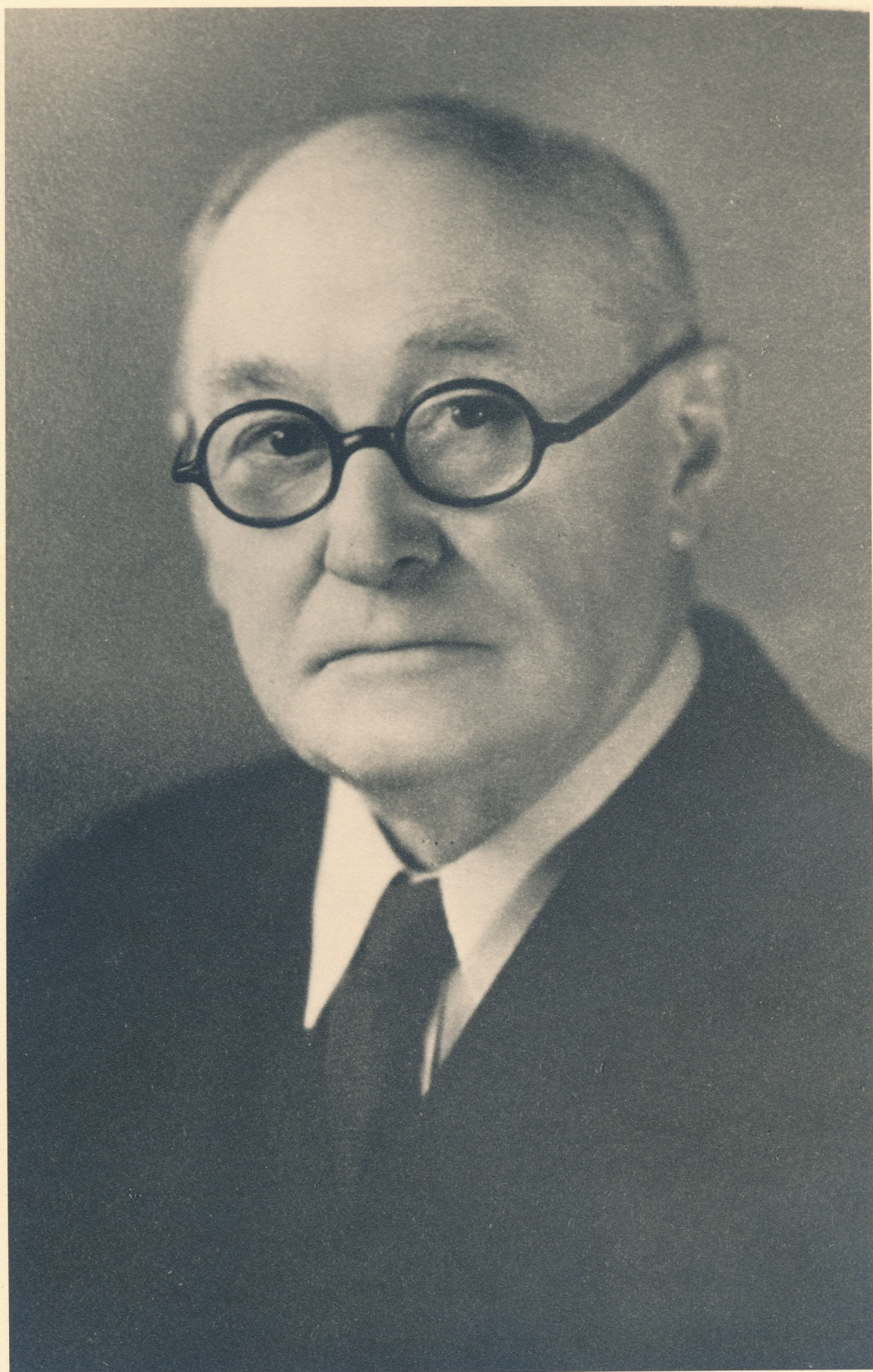
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Brigadier General

The Adjutant General of Michigan

August B. Scheid



AUGUST B SCHEID

1859 - 1940

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August B. Scheid was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 6, 1859, son of Jacob and Frances Scheid, pioneer residents of Kalamazoo.

August B. Scheid attended the public schools of Kalamazoo and Parsons Business College, from the latter of which he was graduated.

Early in life he engaged in the grocery business and at the age of eighteen opened his first store at the northwest corner of Ransom and Park streets. After a short time the store was moved to West Main street and conducted under the name of Doyle and Scheid, in which Mr. Scheid was associated with the late James E. Doyle. This partnership lasted but a short time and Mr. Scheid acquired ownership of the store and it was operated under the name of A. B. Scheid for many years. At the close of the last century the business was sold to a cousin of the proprietor, Mr. A. P. Scheid, who continued its operation to the time of this writing in 1940, making it one of Kalamazoo's oldest retail business institutions.

Before he quit the grocery business, Mr. Scheid became actively identified with the real estate and industrial development of Kalamazoo and formed a close business association with Charles B. Hays. They bought farms on the outskirts of Kalamazoo and platted them into subdivisions. Among the largest areas that he helped to develop were the Prospect park section and the Hillsdale subdivision on the western part of Kalamazoo.

At the same time Mr. Scheid was instrumental in helping to promote several of the city's leading manufacturing corporations, particularly in the development of the paper industry in the Kalamazoo Valley, and he was the first secretary of the Bryant Paper Company.

Mr. Scheid's reputation for business acumen and integrity caused his counsel to be widely sought and in numerous instances his ability as a manager enabled him to save sick corporations, notably Kalamazoo's independently owned telephone company which was put in such good shape that the Bell system was glad to acquire the property.

In 1910, Mr. Scheid, together with Mr. James B. Balch and Mr. Charles B. Hays, was largely instrumental in organizing and promoting the Watervliet

Paper Company at Watervliet, Michigan, which has become one of the outstanding successes of the paper manufacturing industry in the Kalamazoo Valley.

Mr. Scheid served as treasurer of this company until June, 1940, when, on account of failing health, he asked to be relieved. He also resigned as a member of the Board of Directors at the same time, but his resignation was not accepted as an expression of courtesy and recognition for the service he had given to the company.

Although he was immersed in business activities from his early life he found time to enjoy himself as he went along. He was always attracted by outdoor sports and at various stages of his life he was greatly interested in swimming, fishing, skating and golf as an active participant, and in many other sports as a spectator. For many years he held a financial interest in the old Southern Michigan Base Ball club and was one of a few sponsors, who for a long time brought annually to Kalamazoo America's finest trotting horses to compete in the Grand Circuit races at Recreation Park track.

Although Mr. Scheid steadfastly refused to be drafted in political campaigns as a candidate for an elective office, he did valiant service when appoint-

ed on committees for some civic purpose and he did much to promote the city's growth and development in many ways. On one occasion he received the following letter from the mayor of the City of Kalamazoo:

Mr. A. B. Scheid,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Council of the City of Kalamazoo, held on Monday evening, January 4, 1904, the following report was presented and unanimously adopted, and on motion, the Commissioners of Public Improvements were honorably discharged:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of the report of the Commissioners of Public Improvements, report as follows:

We have examined the report and are pleased to note the businesslike manner in which the funds placed in the hands of the Public Commissioners were expended. The improvements which were left in the hands of these gentlemen have been completed in a thoroughly workmanlike manner and the interests of the city carefully guarded in every particular. The Commissioners have, at the expense of neglecting their own affairs, and without compensation, given their best attention to the improvements left in their hands. They conducted the matter in such a thorough and businesslike manner that we are pleased to note that of the funds turned over to them, they have accomplished the work contemplated, with a balance of Ten Thousand, four hundred thirty-three and 87/100 dollars to the credit of the fund, which has not been spent, which sum we agree with the Commissioners of Public Improvements, should be used to retire bonds issued for the improvements.

Without further review of the report, it seems to us that in order that the report may always be preserved, it would be advisable to record the same at length in the records and proceedings of your Honorable Body, and in the annual printed reports. Therefore we recommend

that the clerk be instructed to record at length the report of the Commissioners of Public Improvements, upon the records of the city council of the city of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and that we express our gratitude and appreciation to the Commissioners for their painstaking efforts in behalf of the city of Kalamazoo, and that a copy hereof be forwarded to each of the Commissioners of Public Improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

John Mc Larty,
W. G. Austin,
F. Flaitz,
R. R. Brenner,
H. E. Ralston,
J. A. Loudon,
Committee.

Attested by city clerk,
Harry W. Bush.

Signed by the Mayor.

Mr. Scheid was a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce and for thirty-two years actively promoted its work. When he expressed a desire to withdraw his request was refused and he was voted a life member in recognition of the splendid service he had given.

November 18, 1886, he was married to Minnie E. Blaney, who was born in Alamo, Michigan, the daughter of John and Mary Robinson Blaney, pioneer farmers. She met Mr. Scheid during church functions and also worked in his grocery store for three years prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Scheid fittingly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1936 with a dinner in the Civic Auditorium for seventy-five

guests and with an open house at his residence. Among those present were his sister, Mrs. Andrew H. Ryan, who was bridesmaid at the wedding, and Mrs. Scheid's brother, Frank Blaney, who was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Scheid became the parents of: Mrs. Glenn P. McHugh, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Avery C. Maloney, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Donald M. Flaitz and Miss C. Bernice Scheid of Kalamazoo, and Theodore J. and William H. Scheid of Watervliet, Michigan. All survived Mr. Scheid, and a brother, Mr. Fred Scheid, and a sister, Mrs. Fanny Ryan, and fourteen grand children and two great grandchildren also survived him.

Mr. Scheid was a devoted member of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church and belonged to the Holy Name Society of that church.

Death came to Mr. Scheid at the age of eighty-one years at four-thirty Thursday morning, July 25, 1940, at his home 1025 Kalamazoo avenue, Kalamazoo. The funeral was held from St. Augustine's Church and was conducted by Monsignor John R. Hackett.

Among the testimonials as to the high esteem in which Mr. Scheid was held the following are copies:

United States Fuel Administration

Washington, D. C.

This is to Certify that

A. B. Scheid

Member, Fuel Committee, Kalamazoo County, Michigan,
in the United States Fuel Administration has served
the Government of the United States from February 26,
1918, to March 1, 1919, during the War and is hereby
honorably released.

Countersigned by the

Federal Fuel Administrator for Michigan

Signed by the United States Fuel Ad-
ministrator.

And the following is from a letter written by
Attorney Frank F. Ford to a member of the family:

"Your wonderful Father was one of the men of
Kalamazoo whom I have always remembered and
who has stood out in my memory as one of the
outstanding men of this town. Also, I know
that my Father was always a great admirer of
August Scheid. The fact that he was success-
ful financially to me was of little moment but
he was one of those kindly, pleasant and cheer-
ful men whom it was always a great pleasure
for me to meet on the street and just have a
few words with him."

Mr. Scheid received a framed certificate which
stated the following:

In Appreciation of

A. B. Scheid

Past Director

The members in annual meeting assembled extend their
grateful appreciation for services rendered to us and

to the community.

Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce

W. L. Otis, President.

The family cherishes the following engraved on
a silver plate and mounted on a walnut plaque:

The Watervliet Paper Co.

Employees

Express to

August B. Scheid

Sincere Appreciation

For His Efforts

In Their Behalf

1910 - Director - 1938

The following resolution was adopted by the
Watervliet Paper Company:

RESOLUTION

The passing on July 25th, 1940 of our time
honored friend, August B. Scheid, severs a relation-
ship with the Board of Directors of the Watervliet
Paper Company, which has continued since its organ-
ization, and removes from our midst a true and
valued friend of every employee as well as each
stockholder of the Company. His early life was so

entwined in the history of paper making in Michigan that his passing leaves few, if any, of the older sponsors of the industry in our midst.

August was one who enjoyed life, and his friends were among his choicest possessions. His loyalty and devotion to these friends and to his family were indeed beautiful. His quite converse, kindly bearing and sterling integrity always made a genial atmosphere in his presence, and the rare influence of his sterling character and devotion to those he loved and admired will make his memory endure throughout the coming years. He betrayed an earnestness in his work and a fellowship with his associates that endeared him to everyone who came into his presence.

The history of the Watervliet Paper Company would lack much had August Scheid not been a part of the founding thereof and this might also be said of other paper mills within the Kalamazoo Valley.

August, as we loved to call him, had other interests than those which were paramount in this company, for his helping hand in times of stress and misfortune was such as won undying gratitude from those who received his benefactions and because of his many little unremembered acts of kindness and of love. August surely was one who belonged to the people.

"When death draws down the curtain of the night
And those we love in his deep darkness hides,
We can but wait the coming of the light
And bless the memory that still abides."

L. S. Scheifele



Lloyd S. Scheifele

L L O Y D S S C H E I F E L E

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I was born on a farm in Waterloo County, Ontario, Canada, September 3, 1897. My father, Andrew Scheifele, was the second youngest son of Frederick Scheifele, who came to North America from Switzerland with his parents when he was a child. My father was also born in Ontario. My mother, Malinda Stauffer, was the second youngest daughter of David Stauffer, and she too was born in Ontario. Her parents, in their early married life, came into Canada from the state of Pennsylvania. My mother's parents worshipped in a log church in or near the village of Conestoga, Ontario, where the circuit riding Evangelical ministers came to preach and conduct meetings. My father was not accustomed to attending any church previous to his marriage, but there was a campmeeting conducted by the Mennonite Brethren in Christ near their farm home in Canada. It was at this meeting where my parents were graciously converted to Christ.

In the year 1900 my father purchased a farm north of Elkton in Huron county, Michigan. We

lived on that farm until the close of 1918. Those were the years when lasting impressions were made upon my life. My parents were hard working people, but never too busy to gather their large family together each morning for "Family Worship" before the day's work began. We attended regularly the Missionary Church north of Elkton. Frequently we attended special meetings held by other churches in the village and the near by communities. This gave me a good foundation for my Christian life.

I was converted when a child and became conscious of the call to preach when nearly eighteen years old. For a while I intended to carry out the call to the ministry, but I observed that many ministers had such a small income that they could hardly get along financially, though I never heard one of them complain. Because our own family was large I knew something of the costs of raising a family. There were twelve children born to my parents and I had plenty of opportunity to see what it cost to care for us. I came to the conclusion that I would take up some work that would provide a more adequate income for a living.

In 1918 I was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Gallman of Zurich, Ontario. Within a year we went to Detroit, Michigan, where I found employ-

ment in the automobile industry and earned more than a good living. Though I was able to save considerable money, I was not satisfied. Frequently the Spirit of God reminded me of the call to the ministry. In 1925, after some struggle of heart and mind I renewed my broken covenant with God and decided that if God wanted me in the ministry He would also provide for the material needs.

After this spiritual renewal I began to make some preparations for the ministry. I preached my first sermon at the Kercheval Avenue Evangelical Church, Detroit, in April 1925. We had united with the church about two years before. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Hill, had greatly influenced my life for Christ; now he encouraged me to make further preparations for the Christian ministry. At the Annual Conference of the Evangelical Church, held at Detroit at the Waterman Avenue Church in 1926, I was licensed to preach, having been recommended by the Kercheval Avenue congregation. In September of 1926, I, with my wife and two daughters, moved to Chicago, Illinois, and I enrolled in the Chicago Evangelistic Institute, where I studied several years.

In early 1930, I was sent by my District Superintendent, Rev. Clyde Gibson, to supply the East

Detroit Evangelical Church, following the death of their pastor, the late Rev. Forrest Putnam. At the Annual Conference session in May, I was assigned to the field as the regular pastor. Though at the very beginning of the depression of the early thirties we entered upon our duties with our whole heart. God richly blessed the efforts. In the four years we labored there we saw many gracious conversions. Financially our faith was tested, but God met the needs in every way and in 1932 the congregation launched out on a remodeling of the church building. The building was moved to the adjoining lot, a basement was constructed under the entire church building, the auditorium was replastered, the yard landscaped and other improvements made. The church membership grew and three young men received the call to preach.

I completed the five year course of study prescribed by the Conference, in 1934, and was ordained to the Eldership of the church by the Conference of that year.

In 1934 the Conference appointed us to the church at Blissfield, Michigan, where we served until this year, 1941. Here again we enjoyed a fruitful ministry. Every year we had gracious evangelistic meetings in which people were converted. Frequently

there were conversions in the regular services of the church. The Sunday school became one of the largest in Lenawee county, if not the largest. The church debt, about \$7,000, was wiped out by the spring of 1940. In the spring of 1939 the Seventy-fifth Annual Conference Session was entertained by our Blissfield congregation. One young man entered the ministry from this field during our pastorate at Blissfield and is now in the ministry in the Methodist denomination.

At the recent Conference session we were appointed to the Lane Boulevard Evangelical Church of Kalamazoo, where we serve at this time. While it is too early to predict the results in this new field of service, we are encouraged on every side.

In addition to the preaching of the Gospel on my field of labor in the Lord, my congregations have always permitted me to assist other churches in evangelistic meetings. I have had the joyful privilege of serving as evangelist sixteen times since 1931. In every evangelistic meeting there have been conversions. Thankfully and humbly we give the glory for these victories of Divine Grace to our God. "He causeth us to triumph through our Lord Jesus Christ." II Corinthians 2:14.

My beloved wife has always been a gracious and constant help. She is indeed an "helpmeet" in the divine task of the ministry. Her prayers and encouraging words have aided me to do my best for Christ and the Church.

Our two daughters, Hilda Margaret and Elaine Vanetta, were both converted in early life. They too have a definite share in our Christian work, having helped wherever possible, in children's work or with young people, as opportunity permitted.

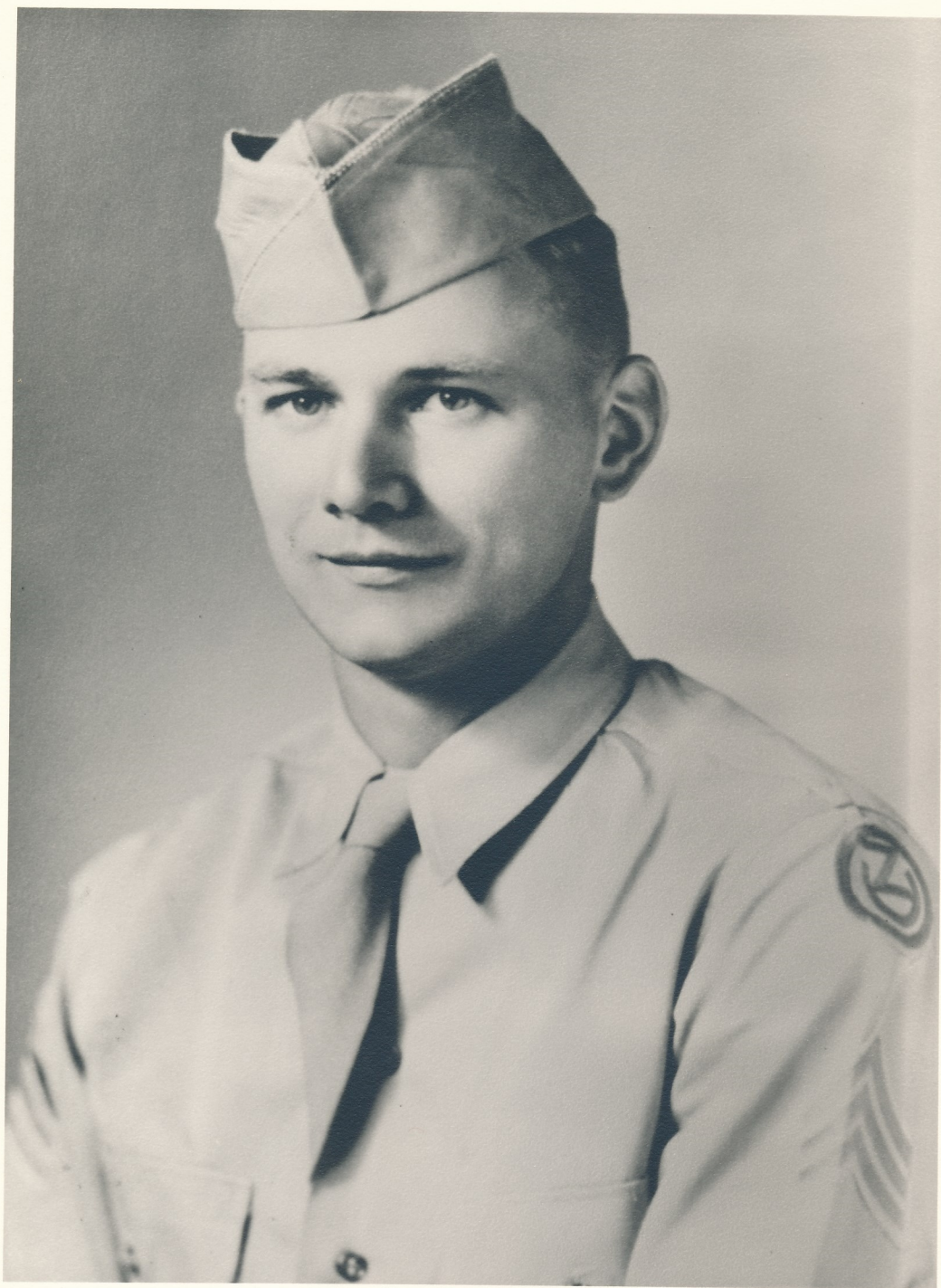
Realizing that we must "redeem the time, because the days are evil" Ephesians 5:16, and that there is much to be done for this needy world, we desire to give our best to Christ and His Church.

"HITHERTO THE LORD HAS HELPED US -
HENCEFORTH HE WILL NOT FAIL US."

Ernest Edward Schindler



Robert Duane Schindler



ERNEST EDWARD SCHINDLER

1917 - 1939

ROBERT DUANE SCHINDLER

1919 - 1945

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Fireman First Class Ernest Edward Schindler was born January 4, 1917, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, son of Ernest G. Schindler, who was born in Germany March 5, 1888, and came to the United States when he was five years of age.

The mother of these two boys was Catherine H. Cronin Schindler, who was born in Westfield, Massachusetts, May 15, 1893, and came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1911 and met and married Ernest G. Schindler September 28, 1912, and since then they have made their home in Kalamazoo.

Ernest attended the Harding School and was graduated from Central High School in 1935. He enlisted in the United States Navy at Detroit, Michigan, November 18, 1935, and reported on board the Arizona March 14, 1936.

He met his death in a motorcycle accident the night of June 12, 1939, while returning to his ship after having a few hours off duty, at Long Beach, California.

A military funeral service was held for Ernest at the Joldersma and Klein Funeral Home. The Reverend Claudius E. Jensen, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, officiated and the burial was in Riverside cemetery.

A firing squad from Company C, 126th Infantry was at the grave and taps were by the Bugler, Fred Deichler, Sr. The body had been escorted from San Diego, California, by Ernest's former buddy and class mate, Leo Dokey. Pall-bearers were former friends, Ernest and Marvin Clark, William Llewellyn, Stanley Lane, Leroy Dokey and Roger Sheldon. Romeo Rene, officer in charge of the Navy recruiting station in Kalamazoo, was among those attending.

Ernest was five feet nine inches tall, was very slender, fair haired, blue eyed and fair skinned.

Always happy, always ready for a friendly argument, he made many friends who regretted his sudden departure.

He attended Church services in Kalamazoo and worship services aboard his ship. His Chaplain, E. P. Wuebbens, wrote:

". . . He was a hard worker on board this ship and was well liked by all who knew him. . . .

"We are sending flowers as a slight token of the esteem in which he was held by the officers and men of his ship."

Ernest was devoted to his parents and on May 6, 1938, he sent a telegram from Sanpedro, California, with the following Mother's Day message:

"Dearest Mother, just remember this - that wherever I am and whatever I do you are always foremost in my thoughts."

Robert Duane Schindler

Staff Sergeant Robert Duane Schindler was killed in action at Ederen, Germany, at 3 P. M., January 10, 1945, and his body was buried in a cemetery at Margraten, The Netherlands, in Limburg Province, Grave 243, Row 10, Plot P, approximately twelve miles northwest of Aachen, Germany.

Birth and Education

He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 26, 1919, son of Ernest G., and Catherine H. Cronin Schindler.

He attended the Harding School in Kalamazoo and was graduated from Central High School in 1938, after which he was employed by the Sutherland Paper Company in the ink room until he enlisted in the United States Army November 21, 1942.

He was four days at Fort Custer and was sent for training to Camp Maxey, Texas, for a time to Shreveport, Louisiana, and to Camp Swift, Texas, after which he was sent in July, 1944, to Camp Dix, and was given a twelve day furlough to spend with his parents and friends, in August, 1944.

Upon his return to Camp Dix he was sent overseas sometime in September 1944 and landed in Cherbourg, France, to serve with the 327th Engineers in Company C, Combat Battalion, 102nd

Robert Duane Schindler

Staff Sergeant Robert Duane Schindler was killed in action at Eberan, Germany, at 3 P. M., January 10, 1945, and his body was buried in a cemetery at Martraten, The Netherlands, in Limburg Province, Grave 245, Row 10, Plot F, approximately twelve miles northwest of Aachen, Germany.

Birth and Education

He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 28, 1919, son of Ernest G., and Catherine H. Cronin Schindler.

He attended the Harding School in Kalamazoo and was graduated from Central High School in 1938, after which he was employed by the Sutherland Paper Company in the ink room until he enlisted in the United States Army November 21, 1942.

He was four days at Fort Custer and was sent for training to Camp Maxey, Texas, for a time to Shreveport, Louisiana, and to Camp Swift, Texas, after which he was sent in July, 1944, to Camp Dix and was given a twelve day furlough to spend with his parents and friends, in August, 1944.

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Division. His serial number was 16088240.

Robert was in the battle of Germany at Linnich and received the Bronze Star Medal posthumously with the following Citation:

"For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy **** on 24 December 1944. Staff Sergeant Schindler successfully directed and led a platoon in the completion of a forward mine field without any casualties from heavy and harassing enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to which they were subjected. After completing this task, he led his platoon to a mine dump nearby and directed them in the helping of other platoons to expedite their work. Throughout the entire action, he moved freely and calmly about the area supervising, suggesting, and giving valuable assistance to the members of his platoon with a cool and unflinching attitude. The leadership, courage, and superior knowledge shown by Staff Sergeant Schindler reflect great credit upon himself and the military service."

Personal Characteristics

Robert, "Bob" among his many friends, was five feet ten and one-half inches tall and weighed about one hundred seventy pounds and had sandy hair and gray eyes.

His hobby was ball games, both foot ball and base ball. In the fall of 1937, while a student in Central High School, he played right guard on the All Star Foot Ball team.

Bob was also a good swimmer and he went deer hunting several seasons. He liked classical music, good literature and was a good student.

Bob was very orderly in his habits. He had a place for everything and kept everything in its place.

The code by which he lived was to make the most of his life and to help others. His men did things for him that they might not have done so cheerfully for anyone else. They idolized him because he carefully looked after their comfort. He liked to cook and when he had a chance he would prepare a home cooked meal for his men.

Ten days before he was killed he wrote to the editor of "Home Front News" and the following is an excerpt:

"Just a few lines of appreciation from a pre-war employee to his employer for the welcome Christmas package of cigarettes. As there is a shortage of cigarettes, they were more than welcome. Being as I am a non-smoker, I was able to pass the good feeling along by giving them out to the boys."

He was thoughtful, kind and considerate, was slow to give his friendship, but was warm in comradeship to those to whom he gave his loyalty. He was true to his convictions as to what is right and what is wrong and trusted in his Maker. He attended Sunday school and morning services as a boy and attended chapel while in the armed service. He was good to his parents. The last letter they received from him was dated January 1, 1945.

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Robert G. Page, 1st Lt., Company C, 327th Engineers, Battalion CC:

"He was an excellent non-commissioned officer, a leader who could fit himself to any situation and one who could be trusted with the most responsible missions.

"Your son and I have been together for well over a year. We were together not as just officer and sergeant, it was much deeper than that, but as friends in a job together. I know him as one of the most loyal, resourceful and ambitious boys I have ever known.

"The men in Sgt. Schindler's platoon will always remember him as the best sergeant they ever had. I will remember him not only as an excellent leader, but even more so as one of my closest friends.

"I want to tell you that our Protestant Chaplain officiated at your son's funeral, which took place at an American cemetery in Holland."

The following stanza was pinned to Bob's bedroom wall and exemplifies his philosophy of life:

"Who shares his life's pure pleasures
And walks the honest road,
Who trades with heaping measures
And lifts his brother's load;
Who turns the wrong down bluntly,
And lends the right a hand,
He dwells in God's own country,
He tills the Promised Land."

Emery Walter Schultz





Mrs. Isabelle Ehrle Schultz.

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job was with the News-Palladium when he was fifteen years of age. From there he went to South Bend, Indiana, as superintendent of the composing room of the News-Times. He was with the Kalamazoo Gazette for six or seven years; it was while working there that he was married to Miss Isabelle R. Ehrle on July 12, 1915, in Chicago, Illinois, by a minister named Pengilly. She was the daughter of William and Carrie Beebe Ehrle; the former born in Germany March 24, 1854, came to this country when he was seventeen, eventually settled in Coldwater, Michigan, and passed away September 16, 1937. William Ehrle's mother's name was Rosina, who died in Wheeling, West Virginia, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Carrie Beebe was born October 29, 1861, and died July 22, 1940.

Isabelle Ehrle was born in Coldwater, Michigan, April 9, 1886. She had a sister, Helen Rosella, who was born July 5, 1894, married Norris W. Cochran and lives in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Schultz began housekeeping immediately following their marriage in an apartment on Pine street in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Emery continued to work for the Kalamazoo Gazette. After a time they moved to West Dutton street where they resided until 1927, when they made their residence

at 414 Davis street, which continued to be their home until his death and where Mrs. Schultz and her daughter continued to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz became the parents of one daughter, Betty Jane, September 12, 1923. She is now a junior in Western Michigan College of Education.

In April, 1921, Mr. Schultz decided to go into business for himself and established the Intertype-setting Company at 306 North Rose street in Kalamazoo. It was a great venture and required courage and faith to give up a regular salary and buy thousands of dollars worth of equipment, but the prosperity which followed fully vindicated the wisdom of the venture. Two men who came at once to work for him, Peter Bogard and Floyd Tolhurst, remained with the company through the years, a tribute to the character of their employer and the consideration with which he treated them. Later the place of business was moved to 416 North Rose street, where Mrs. Schultz continued to carry on the business until she died at Grant Hospital, September 3, 1944.

Funeral services were conducted by Mr. Stanley Wood, Reader, First Church of Christ Scientist, and interment was in the family burying ground, Crystal Springs Cemetery, Benton Harbor, Michigan, where the body of Mrs. Schultz was also laid to rest.

Personal Characteristics

In appearance Mr. Schultz was a fine appearing man, five feet eleven inches tall, well proportioned, a decided blonde with light hair and blue eyes.

He was an astute business man, a good manager, a skilled worker, understanding every detail of the business of printing. In meeting his clientele he was genial and courteous and was always fair and honest in his dealing. By these very qualities and the excellence of his work, he won many friends for himself and business for his company.

For recreation he liked to travel, fish and spend some time roughing it in the woods. He greatly enjoyed visiting the families of his brothers and sisters and playing with the nephews and nieces down to the tiniest baby. He liked to help members of the family and outsiders as well financially and with words of encouragement and give them a start at their life work. He often spent a few hours from his business in helping a relative on the farm or giving a hand to anyone in need. He always seemed alert to the opportunities to "lend a hand." Many were the requests for help which came to him and no one was turned away.

Mr. Schultz's greatest delight was in his home with his wife and daughter. They occupied first

place in his heart.

The greatest tribute of all one could pay to him is to mention his integrity and devotion to high ideals. Emery Walter Schultz lived and died one of God's noblemen!

(Written in October 1944)

Anthony Peter Schreuder



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Private First Class Anthony Peter Schreuder was killed in action in Italy June 8, 1944. His serial number was 16045754 and he was with Company R, 135th Infantry.

Birth and Education

He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 22, 1921, son of Johannes Schreuder, who was born in Nieuwe Pekela, The Netherlands, September 20, 1888, and Grace Vander Weel Schreuder, who was born on North Westnedge avenue in Kalamazoo, Michigan, July 2, 1892, whose ancestors also came from The Netherlands. Mr. Johannes Schreuder came from Holland when he was fourteen years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Schreuder were married June 24, 1914, by the Reverend R. D. Diephuis, and made their home in Kalamazoo and since 1918 have resided until now, 1946, at 1524 North Westnedge avenue. They also became the parents of:

Harmiena J., born May 18, 1917, married
Walter A. Schiedel and they became
the parents of -
Dale David, born [REDACTED],
Phyllis Jane, born [REDACTED], &
Richard Anthony, born [REDACTED];

Martha, born July 18, 1917, married William E. Cardiff and they became the parents of - Sharon Kay, born [REDACTED], Herman Eugene, born [REDACTED], Anthony Edward, born June 23, 1942, and William Joe, born [REDACTED];

Jane A., born August 18, 1918, married Clarence Fisher and they became the parents of - Donald Clayton, born [REDACTED], and Joyce Arlene, born [REDACTED];

Catherina May, born [REDACTED], married James Guess and they became the parents of - Catherina Grace, born [REDACTED], and reside in California;

Ann Elizabeth, born October 22, 1923, married Peter De Blecourt and they became the parents of - Anthony Peter, born October 4, 1944;

Johanna Marie, born December 1, 1925, married Raymond Otten; and

Blanche Elaine, born [REDACTED].

All but Mr. and Mrs. James Guess reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Anthony attended the William Street Christian School through the early grades, then transferred to the Lincoln School for his ninth grade and to Central High School for his tenth grade.

He left school to go to work in the celery business and later was employed by the Atlas Press.

He enlisted in the army February 8, 1942, and was sent to Fort Custer and five days later to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, to train with the 181st

Infantry. In April, 1943, Anthony was visited by his parents. Some time during the following May he was sent to Camp Edwards and from there he went to Saco, Maine.

In September, 1942, he had his first furlough, for fifteen days, when he returned to his home in Kalamazoo; his second furlough was at Easter time in 1943, and his third visit home was in September, 1943. His last trip to Kalamazoo was at Christmas time, 1943.

While in Saco, Maine, he was assigned to the Yankee Division, Company H of the 181st Infantry. This outfit was guarding the coast and Anthony's work was to drive a truck up and down his territory.

At the close of his last furlough, December 30, 1943, he went to Fort Dix, New Jersey, and early in 1944 he was sent overseas and landed in Africa. Three days later he was in combat in Italy and was promoted to Private First Class and placed with Company R, 135th Infantry, the Red Bull Division. He was a rifleman with the Fifth Army. It was with this army that he made the supreme sacrifice.

Personal Characteristics

Anthony was six feet tall and had very fair hair, light blue eyes and a fair complexion.

He was always an out of door boy; when but a

small lad he and his buddies went to Cooper's Glen on Saturdays and holidays and took along potatoes, eggs and bread, which they roasted and toasted over an open fire. He liked to hunt and fish and swim.

Anthony Schreuder was a young man of high ideals and was interested in his home, his Church and his work.

He was a baptized member of the Second Christian Reformed Church and was active in the boys' club of the Church. As a younger boy he attended the Sunday school and the catechism class and was always interested in the Church.

He was almost always at home evenings and when he did go out he kept early hours. He was a quiet lad, had self confidence, was most dependable and was always thoughtful of others.

He was especially interested in children, loving very dearly the little nephews and nieces. A favorite picture with the family is one of Anthony and four of these little folk taken in the back yard of his home near a fish pond.

Being the only boy among seven sisters, Anthony was proud of them and loved them very much.

Like many boys he earned money to buy an automobile and spent much time with it. He read hunting and fishing magazines as a pastime.

From overseas Anthony wrote that he was reading his Bible and hoping and praying that the war would soon be over.

His heart was in his home. This was his sanctuary, his shrine. Home meant everything to this boy and his hope and inspiration was to return to it.

The gold star shines brightly for this lad in that home, a Christian home where he was trained in high thinking and inspired by the precepts and examples of his parents.

The following poem expresses something of the feeling of these parents:

"TO MY SON OVERSEAS

"Sometimes I used to say to you
When you went out to play,
Goodby, my child, be careful and
Be my good boy today.
And then I tried to school my heart
And trust you to God's care.

And now I send you forth again,
I trust Him. This my prayer,
Dear Lord, be with this boy of mine
Wherever he shall be,
And keep him straight and strong and fine.
Incline his heart toward Thee.

When he is weak, be Thou his strength,
When tired, his resting place.
In battle, be his sure defence,
And give him Thy peace.
Teach him to pray, to seek Thy face.
Ah! Lord, the thought is sweet,

That they may meet, his prayer and mine
Before Thy mercy seat.

Nor for my boy alone I pray
In tears before Thy face;
For every mother's son I plead,
Lord save them by Thy grace".

Richard Scott



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Richard Warren Scott was born April 1, 1922, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, son of Lynn and Leona Lage Warren Scott, the former of English and Pennsylvania Dutch descent and the latter's maternal ancestors were from Zeeland and Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Her maternal grandfather was the first teacher in the Dutch school in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Lynn Scott was born near Mattawan, Michigan, March 4, 1895, the son of William and Lorena Beardsley Scott.

Richard Warren Scott's mother was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, April 1, 1895, was graduated from the Comstock High School in 1915; she has lived in Comstock much of her life since she was six months old.

Richard has a sister, Constance Elaine, who was born August 21, 1923, in Benton Harbor, Michigan, was graduated from the Comstock High School in 1941 and resides with her mother.

Richard was interested in hunting and fishing and in making model flying machines.

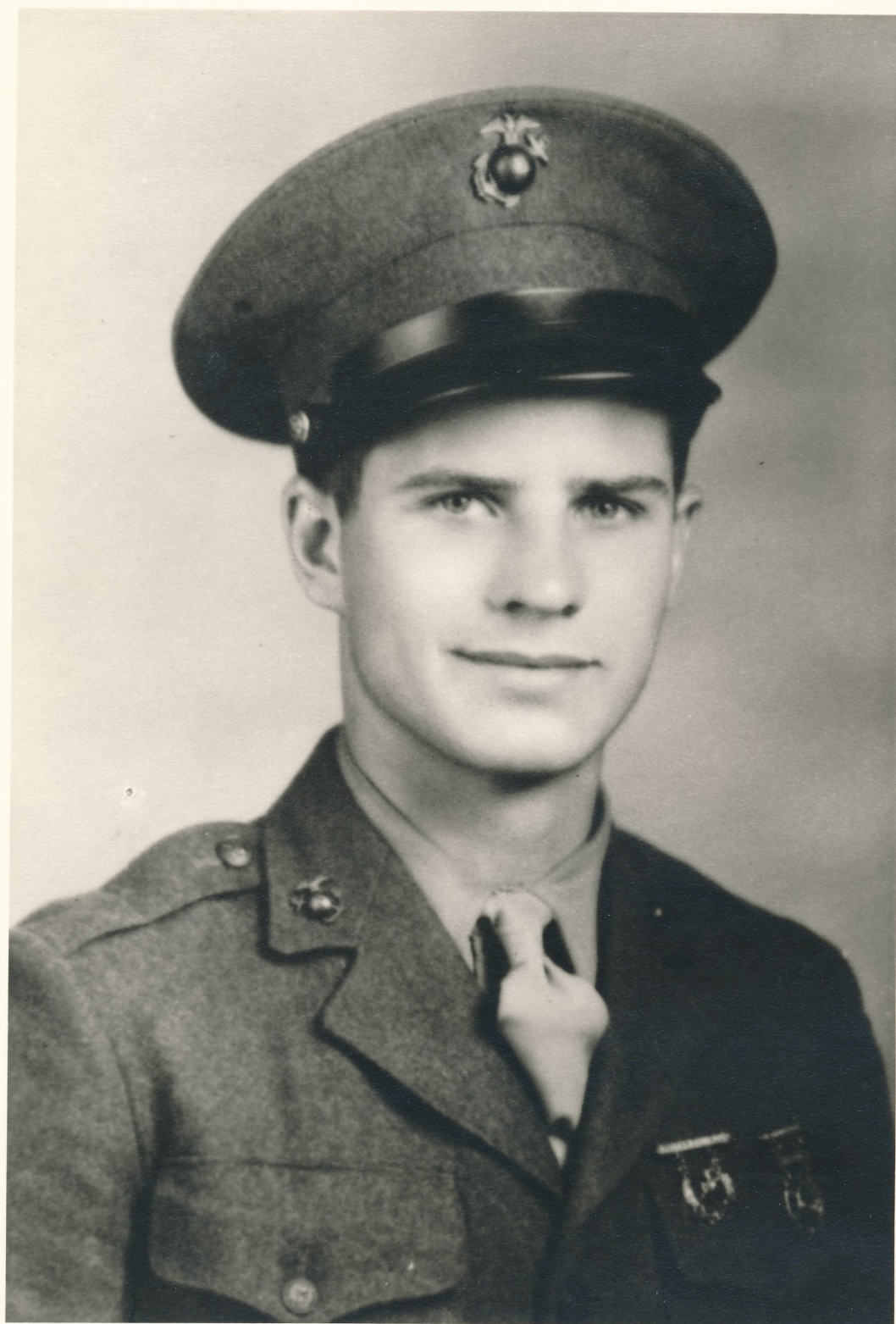
He attended the Comstock schools and was a good student. He was always with a group of boys and had many friends.

Richard was baptized by the Reverend I. W. Minor when a babe and when he became older he became a full member of the Comstock Methodist Church.

He was of a generous, happy nature and very sympathetic. On one occasion when a little boy came to Sunday school in overalls and no shoes, Richard said to his mother, "I want to give my shoes to the boy and not wear my best clothes to Sunday school."

He met death suddenly May 7, 1939, while riding in Recreation Park in an automobile it collided with a tree and he was killed instantly. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend A. T. Halsted and burial was in Mendon, Michigan. This was written in 1941.

Warren Wesley Searles



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Private First Class Warren Wesley Searles was killed in action at Okinawa May 16, 1945. He was a member of the First Marine Division and had participated in the Cape Gloucester and Pelelieu invasions. He was wounded in action in the winter of 1945 and had received the Purple Heart Medal.

Birth and Education

Warren was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 25, 1924, son of Harley E. Searles, who was American born and was a veteran of both World Wars. He was in the marine corps from February 27, 1943, to September, 1943, at which time he was honorably discharged and at this time in 1946 is a motorcycle policeman in the city of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and resides at 1030 Stockbridge avenue.

Warren's mother was the former Anna Osclund, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, of Swedish ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Harley E. Searles also became the parents of:

Harley Edward, Jr., born March 23, 1919,
married Elizabeth Reed, who was born
October 3, 1921, and they reside at

604 Egleston avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, - he served as a machinist's mate third class in the seabees in World War II;

June Helen, born November 5, 1922, resides with her parents; and

Vivian Marlene, born February 17, 1932, who also resides with her parents.

Warren attended the Washington Elementary School in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and then went to Central High School until he enlisted in the United States Marines, October 27, 1942.

He received his training at San Diego, California, and left for overseas June 3, 1943, without ever having had a furlough since his enlistment. He had anticipated an extended furlough in the summer of 1945 and had planned to spend that time with his parents in Kalamazoo.

He and his brother, Harley Edward, Jr., met by chance at Guadalcanal in the winter of 1945, the first time they had seen each other in more than two years.

Personal Characteristics

Warren was five feet ten inches tall and weighed about one hundred forty-five pounds. He had brown hair and blue eyes.

For recreation during his younger days at home he liked to swim and fish. At school he played

inter-class football and baseball. His major interest in school was in the machine shop. He was mechanically minded and liked especially well to repair automobiles.

Warren had a lively, friendly, good natured manner and a warm engaging smile. He liked to look well dressed and especially favored bright ties.

He was a member of the Lane Boulevard Evangelical Church and attended the Sunday school and took part in the program of activities of the young people.

On July 1, 1945, memorial services were held in this Church for Warren, conducted by the pastor, the Reverend L. S. Scheifele,

Warren's life was short, only twenty-one years, but it was packed full of joy, energy, kindness and courtesy. He had enthusiasm for living and a rare good will toward all men.

The luster of the gold star for Warren Wesley Searles shines brightly, not only in the window of his parent's home, but also in the hearts of the citizens of Kalamazoo, whom he so dearly loved and for whom he died.

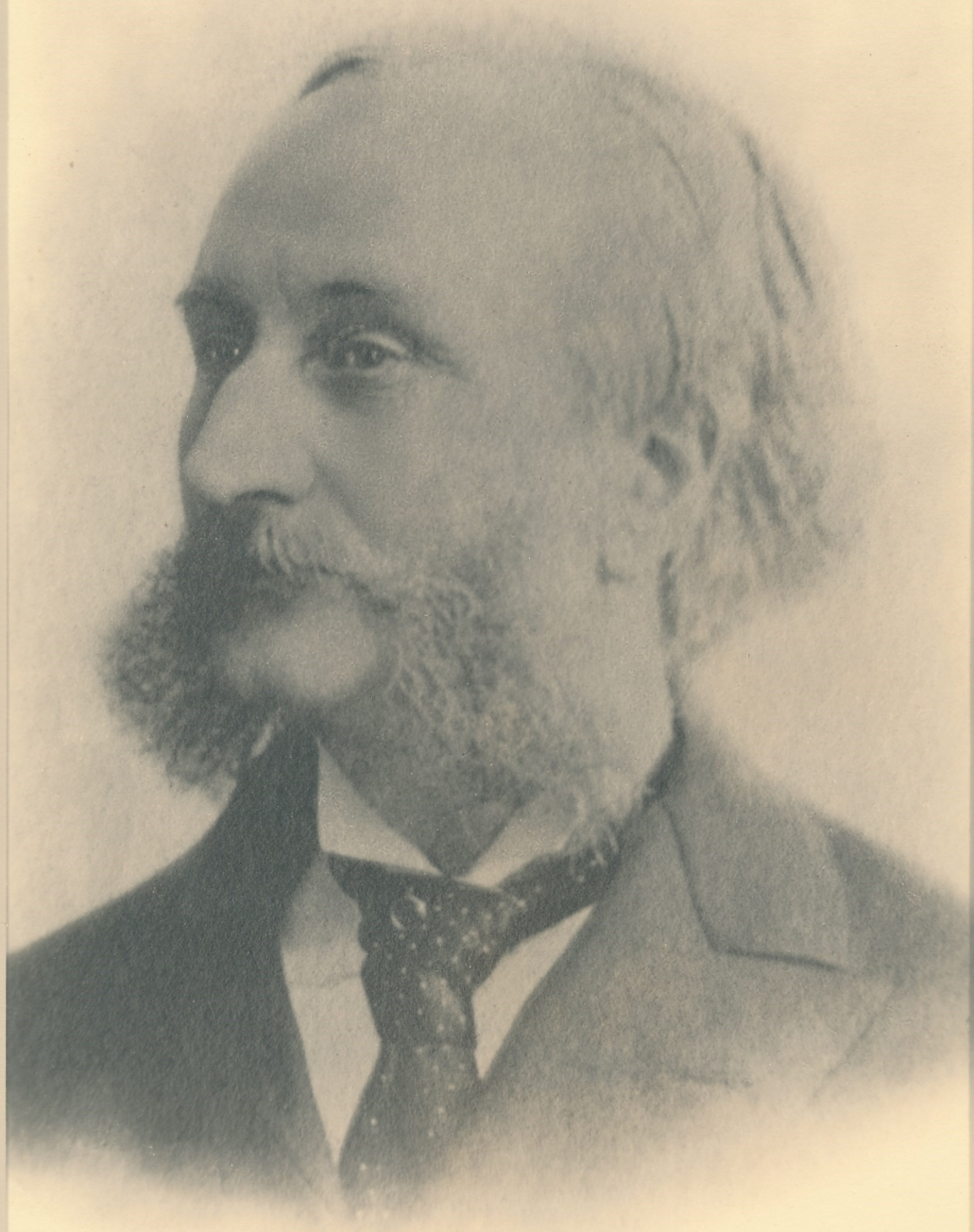
The poem on the following page expresses something of the feeling of those who loved him.

IN MEMORIAM

"Sometimes long after the sun has gone
As we watch at the close of day,
The sky is bright with a rosy light,
'Mid the evening shadows gray.

"Long after a beautiful life has gone
To that fair world on high,
Our lives are bright with a lingering light,
For a true life cannot die."

Charles Sears





Mrs. Lucy DeWolf Sears

R O S E S E A R S K E R R

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Rose Sears, daughter of Charles and Lucy DeWolf Sears was born on Staten Island, New York. There were three other children in the family, Richard H., Graham C., and Emma.

The ancestry is an interesting one. The maternal grandfather, Mr. A. G. DeWolf, of Seymour, Connecticut, invented the Kerite covering for the first Atlantic cable. He was a descendant of a member of the staff of General Lafayette.

The paternal grandfather was for twenty-five years the head of the engraving department of Harper Brothers.

Mr. Charles Sears, the father of Rose, was born in 1842. He was the inventor of a type-setting machine which was the fore runner of the Mergenthaler. It was at the house of William Winters, afterward occupied by Bill Nye, that he met Lucy DeWolf who later became his wife. Mr. Sears passed away in 1910. Lucy DeWolf Sears was born in 1840 and died in 1933.

Rose Sears attended high school in Evanston, Illinois and was later graduated from a jewelry

course in Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. She also studied Interior Decorating for five years with Mr. C. D. MacPherson of Evanston, Illinois. She was one of the original members of the "Association of Interior Decorators."

On April 14, 1898, Rose Sears was united in marriage to I. J. Kerr, a physician. Dr. Kerr passed away in 1910. At the time of this writing (1936) Mrs. Kerr has been an Interior Decorator in Kalamazoo for twelve years. Her studio was originally in the Dodge building at the corner of Michigan and Park streets, where she spent one year. In 1925 she moved to 492 West Main street where she remained for four years. In 1919 she moved her studio to 536 Academy street.

Among the outstanding examples of her work are the beautiful furnishings of the City Hall; the home of Earl Shepherd, Vice President of the First National Bank; the home of Charles Palmer and the two Overton homes in South Haven.

Mrs. Kerr is active in the Altrusa club and attends the First Presbyterian Church.



Mrs. Ella Goodrich Severn

E L L A G O O D R I C H S E V E R N .

Mrs. Ella Smith Goodrich Severn was born in western New York of early New England ancestry. She spent most of her life in college towns and among college folks. Gifted in art, she enjoyed the privileges of private instruction under a leading teacher of painting in New York City, successfully submitting canvasses in metropolitan exhibitions. She was also an untiring reader of the best in literature, and could discuss to the edification of those in her company literary classics she had read and reread. Her development in moral culture was likewise noteworthy, giving her high ideals, positive moral virtues, and a fine personal conduct both at home and abroad. Her religious life was genuine; not merely a profession of Christianity, but as well, an honest, life long attempt to embody what she regarded as the Christ way of living and, as long as health permitted, an unreserved giving of self in active betterment work in church and community.

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which, with her husband, she was connected for nineteen years, but also for all whom she met in the wider circle of acquaintances. Many were blessed and inspired by her presence.

She was brave and uncomplaining to the very end. Feeling perhaps that death was soon to come, she nevertheless courageously faced the encroaching weakness. She was determined to get better and bravely strove to forget self in her interest for the welfare of others. She was calm and unruffled even as death approached, and showed an abiding faith in God and Christ. She died early on the morning of April 18, 1935, richly deserving the Master's "well done, thou good and faithful servant". She has surely entered into that rest so beautifully reserved for those who are by life prepared to enter into the fuller and more abundant life over there.

Herman H. Severn

Lewis sergeant



L E W I S S E R G E A N T

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Lewis Sergeant was born on a farm about four miles from Kalamazoo, the present location of the present State Hospital farm, January 17, 1845, son of Mahala Lewis and Campbell Sergeant, probably of English and Dutch descent.

One sister, Henrietta, married Robert Gibson and is deceased. His brothers George, David and Fred are deceased. His brother Campbell resides in Boise City, Idaho.

Mr. Sergeant's parents came from New Jersey about 1835 and settled on the farm where Lewis was born.

While Lewis was quite young the family moved to a farm in Kankakee county, Illinois, near Momence, where he lived until he enlisted in the Civil War at the age of sixteen, the 76th regiment of volunteers, Company H, recruited in Momence. He marched with his comrades through Vicksburg, was wounded twice and was in the hospital in New Orleans. He was discharged in 1865 and returned to Momence and then made a trip with one of his brothers through

Kansas and Missouri which required about one year. They found the conditions very difficult. Buckwheat was almost the only food eaten in pancakes and buckwheat bread.

He then came back to Kalamazoo and worked for his cousin Frank Bush of the firm of Bush and Patterson, contractors and builders. Meanwhile he lived with his uncle David Sergeant.

September 16, 1874, he was married to Flora McMartin, born October 2, 1852, daughter of Jane Powers and Daniel McMartin, on a farm between Martin and Plainwell. While she was but a small child the family moved south of Kalamazoo and she was graduated from the Kalamazoo high school after which she taught in the Frank street school. Mrs. Sergeant died September 12, 1912. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Henry W. Gelston and burial was in Mountain Home cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sergeant were the parents of:

Edgar McMartin, born December 20, 1877, married (1) Blanche Kimball, (2) Amy Gardner - is the father of Virginia, who married Anthony Cyprus, resides in New Orleans, Louisiana; also Edgar McMartin, Jr., deceased, and Frederick of Kalamazoo;

Lewis Roy, born December 18, 1878, married Mabel Davis - he died in Los Angeles, California, March 21, 1939;

Clare Daniel, born January 3, 1881, married

Jessie Holcomb, was the father of Albert, Shirley, Lewis and Richard - he died November 9, 1932;

Bessie Jane, born October 17, 1882, married Dr. H. B. Weinburgh, is the mother of Barbara, who married Edward Jenison and resides in Paris, Illinois, and Harry Jr., who resides with his parents in Lansing, Michigan;

George Campbell, born November 24, 1886, married Myrl Myer, is the father of Elizabeth, who married Jerome Warner and resides in Kalamazoo, Phyllis, who married Henry Dykehouse and resides in Kalamazoo, Sally, who married Anver Nurrie and resides in Kalamazoo, and Gordon Campbell, who resides with his parents in Kalamazoo;

Florence Louise, born April 2, 1891, married Jules Lang, is the mother of Mary Louise and Lewis Sergeant and resides at 941 West Lovell street, Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sergeant began housekeeping on the corner of Potter and West Lovell streets and later built the home at 941 West Lovell street. This house was burned and the present structure was erected about 1885.

While Mr. Sergeant was with Bush and Patterson a large brick building was erected in Grand Rapids, Michigan, near the G. R. & I., depot, also the first structure of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, the Academy of Music in Kalamazoo, which is still a part of the Bush estate, and the C. K. & S., railroad, of which Mr. Sergeant was made superintendent and

general manager, a position which he held for forty years until he retired in 1925.

In June 1939, Mr. Sergeant was given one of the highest honors ever accorded a Civil War veteran. He was presented with the Order of the Purple Heart medal and was believed to be the second Civil War veteran in the nation to be so honored.

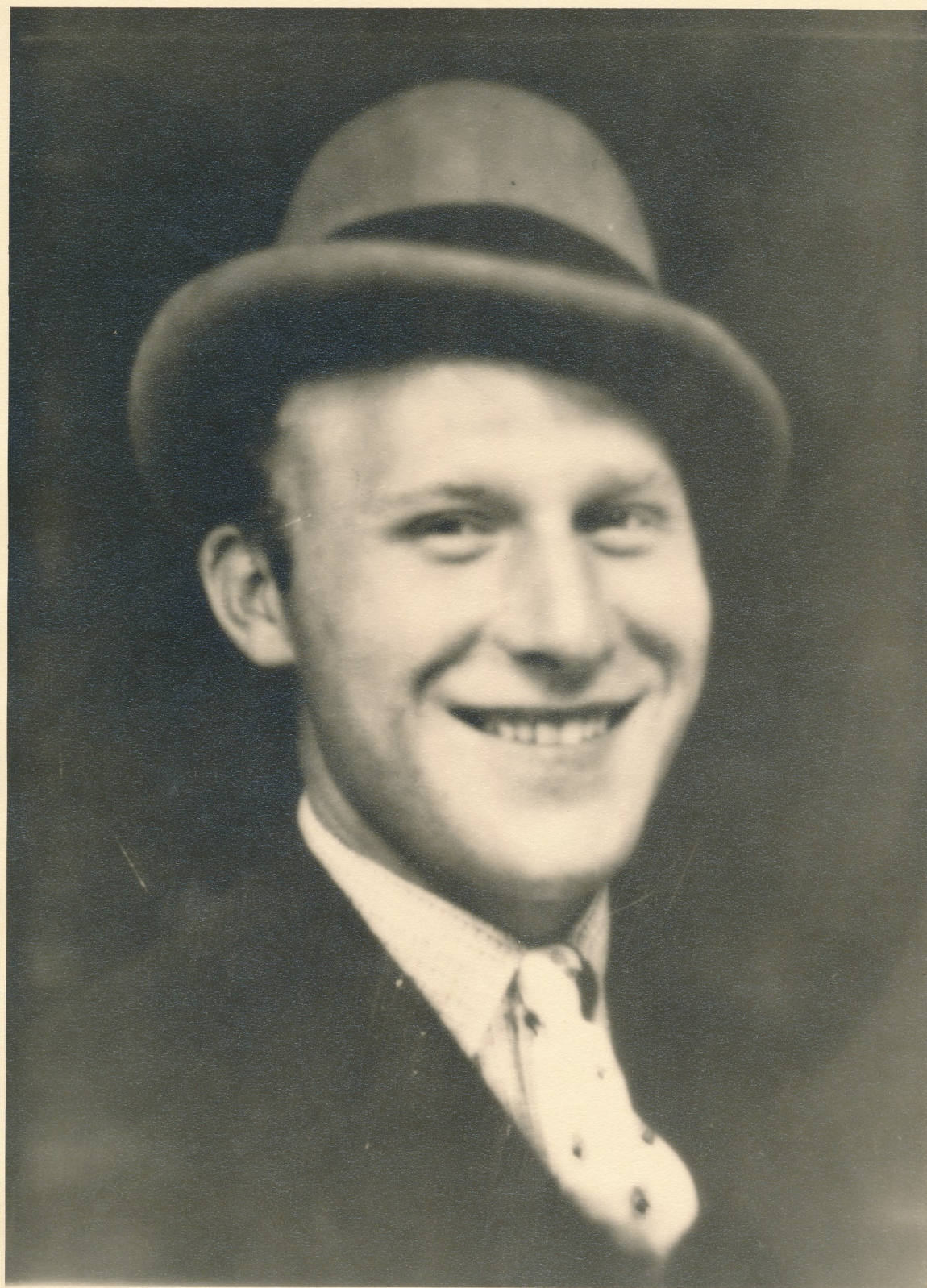
Mr. Sergeant's work in Orcutt Post throughout the years was untiring, and not until infirmities kept him from active participation did he miss regular meetings of the post. He had served as senior vice commander of the post since the death of Charles Fillmore, in 1935. The only member of the post to survive him was Smith H. Carlton.

Mrs. Sergeant was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo and Mr. Sergeant attended church with her. He drove his car until he was 87 or 88 years of age.

Death came to Mr. Sergeant January 21, 1940. The Reverend Paul Silas Heath conducted the funeral and burial was in Mountain Home cemetery.

Written in 1940.

Harry W. Senne



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Harry W. Senne was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 17, 1914, the son of Charles P., and Margaret E. Strong Senne, of German and Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry.

Harry's Parents and Other Members of the Family

Charles P. Senne was born in Chicago, Illinois, March 12, 1865, and his mother, Margaret E. Strong, was born in Michigan December 9, 1870. They were married in Montague, Muskegon county, Michigan, and also became the parents of:

Pansy, born September 3, 1889, married William Powers and they became the parents of Carl, Margaret, Richard, Bernice, Vivian, Betty, June, and William, Jr., and reside now, 1943, at 903 Scudder court in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

August C., born June 21, 1892, married Pearl Krom and they became the parents of Lyle, Velma, Charles, August, Jr., and Jean, and they reside at 940 Trimble avenue in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Lena, born March 22, 1894, married Walter Richard, became the mother of Ralph and Marie and resides at 713 Simpson street, in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Hazel, born February 10, 1897, married John Seinstra and became the mother of Cecil and lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan;

Minnie, born February 23, 1901, married Robert Downs, became the mother of Charles and lives on Cooley street in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Frank, born November 18, 1904, married Irene Pickard and they became the parents of Frank, Jr.;

Howard, born May 27, 1907, married Hazel Miller and became the father of Maxine and Thomas; and

Madline, born March 29, 1912, married Paul Davidson and became the mother of Paul, Jr., and Marline.

Harry's Education

Harry W. Senne attended the Lincoln School in Kalamazoo through the ninth grade and entered Central High School, but after a time left to engage in the work of moving buildings.

After the death of his father May 3, 1937, Harry was employed by the City Park Commission for a time after which he learned the art of drafting sheet metal for the Ingersoll Steel and Disc Company. He also learned the heat treat work. His next business venture was with the F. C. Jacobs Company of Dearborn, Michigan, on the assembly line making war tanks. From there he returned to Kalamazoo to be inducted into the United States Army in Company 8 of the 172nd Infantry as a mortar machine gunner, Private First Class. On May 19, 1942, he was sent to Fort Custer and soon after was sent to Fort Shelby,

Mississippi, for basic training. Then in mid-summer he went to Fort Ord, California, from which he was sent overseas in October, 1942. He was wounded in action in the southwest Pacific and died of these wounds July 2, 1943. The Purple Heart for military merit was sent to his mother.

Harry was five feet, seven inches tall and weighed about one hundred and fifty-five pounds, with fair hair and complexion and blue eyes. He was interested in athletics and engaged in base ball, swimming, fishing and dancing. He was an omnivorous reader, favoring geography, history, and was an avid student of maps. Long before he went into the armed services he had familiarized himself with the theaters of war.

He was of a very generous nature, had hosts of friends because he showed himself a true friend of others. He had belonged to the Eagle lodge.

In religious activities he attended the Bethel Baptist Church and Sunday school. He was fond of his home and spent a good deal of his leisure time there reading and listening to the radio. Though not musically talented, he enjoyed music of all kinds. In his letters home after he had gone across he showed the greatest concern for the welfare of his family at home, especially the two nephews who

were probably going overseas.

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